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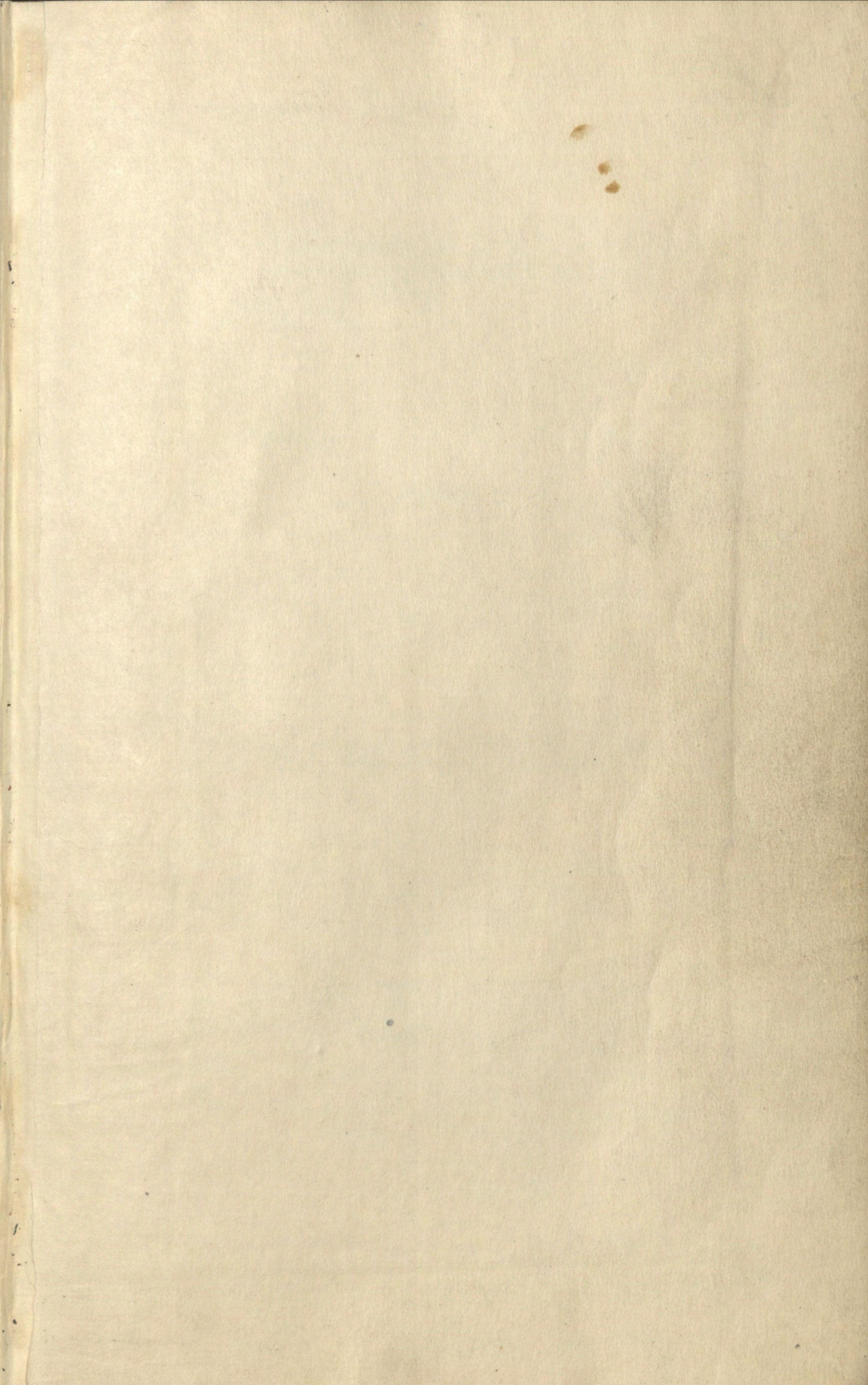
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BEGUN and held at Corydon in the county of Harrison, on Monday the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

On which day being the day appointed by the Constitution of the said state for the meeting of the General Assembly of the said state, the following members of the house of representatives appeared, viz :

<i>From the county of Wayne,</i>	}	Joseph Holman, Ephraim Overman and John Scott.
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<i>From the county of Franklin,</i>	}	James Noble, <i>Geo L Murdock</i> David Mounts and James Brownlee. <i>p. 48</i>
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<i>From the county of Dearborn,</i>	}	Amos Lane and Erasmus Powell.
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<i>From the county of Switzerland,</i>		John Dumont.
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<i>From the county of Jefferson,</i>	}	Williamson Dunn and Samuel Alexander.
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<i>From the county of Clark,</i>	}	Benjamin Ferguson, Thomas Carr and John K. Graham.
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<i>From the county of Harrison,</i>	}	Davis Floyd and Jacob Zenor. <i>- Johnson</i>
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<i>From the county of Washington,</i>	}	Samuel Milroy and Alexander Little.
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<i>From the county of Jackson,</i>		William Graham.
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<i>From the county of Orange,</i>		Jonathan Lindley.
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<i>From the county of Knox</i>	}	Isaac Blackford Walter Wilson and Henry I. Mills.
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From the county of Gibson,

} Edmund Hogan, and
} John Johnson.

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From the county of Posey

Dann Lyno.

From the county of Warrick,

Ratliff Boon.

Who, after having produced their credentials were sworn in the usual form and took their seats

The house proceeded by ballot to elect a speaker, and upon examination it appeared that Isaac Blackford was duly elected, and was conducted to the chair.

The house then proceeded by ballot to elect a clerk, and upon examination it appeared that John F. Ross was duly elected and was sworn into office.

The house then proceeded by ballot to elect a door-keeper, and upon examination it appeared that Robert Biggs, was duly elected door-keeper to this house and was sworn into office.

A message from the senate by mr Prince, a member, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the following resolution, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inform the house of representatives that the senate have formed a quorum, appointed, John Paul, President, pro-tempore, G. R. C. Sullivan, secretary, and Henry Battman, door keeper, and are now ready to proceed to legislative business.

Mr. Boon, a member of the house of representatives from the county of Harrison, came in, produced his credentials, was sworn in the usual form and took his seat.

On motion of mr. Noble,

Resolved, That the clerk of this house inform the senate that the house of representatives have formed a quorum, elected Isaac Blackford, speaker, John F. Ross, clerk, and Robert Biggs, door keeper, and are now ready to proceed to legislative business.

On motion of mr. Noble,

Resolved, That a committee of elections be appointed to consist of five members, and James Noble, Benj. Ferguson, Davis Floyd, Amos Lane and Walter Wilson, were appointed that committee

A message from the senate by mr. Biggs, a member, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of ways and means be appointed on the part of this house to act in conjunction with a similar appointment on the part of the house of representatives, and that Dennis Pennington be that committee.

On motion of mr. Noble,

Resolved, That Davis Floyd and John Boon be appointed a committee of ways and means, to act in conjunction with the appointment of the senate, and that the clerk of this house do inform the senate thereof.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the clerk do require the attendance of the senate at the representative chamber this evening at 3 o'clock, at which time and place the returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, &c. will be examined.

On motion of mr. Noble,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft and report rules for

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the government of this house, and messrs. Noble, Wilson, and Floyd were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the house now adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferris a member. "Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the Senate to inform this house, that the senate are now ready to meet this house in the representative chamber, to examine the returns from the different counties of the State, of the election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor &c." And accordingly the senators came in, and took their seats in the representative chamber; and the speaker of the house of representatives, having opened and examined the returns it appeared that Jonathan Jennings had for Governor, five thousand two hundred and eleven votes; and that Thomas Posey, had for Governor, three thousand nine hundred and thirty four votes. Christopher Harrison had for Lieutenant Governor, six thousand five hundred and seventy votes; John Vawter had for Lieutenant Governor, eight hundred and forty seven votes, Abel Finley had for Lieutenant Governor eighteen votes, John Johnson had for Lieutenant Governor, fourteen votes, Davis Floyd had for Lieutenant Governor, thirteen votes, and Amos Lane had for Lieutenant Governor, twelve votes: Whereupon the speaker of the house of representatives, in presence of both houses of the general assembly, proclaimed Jonathan Jennings duly elected Governor of the state of Indiana; and Christopher Harrison Lieutenant Governor thereof. The members of the senate then retired to their chamber.

On motion, *Ordered*, That this house now adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning

TUESDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK Nov. 5, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the election returns from the county of Perry, returned to the speaker and now in possession of the house, be referred to the committee of elections.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to act with a similar committee to be appointed by the senate, for the purpose of waiting on Jonathan Jennings esq. and to inform him that he is duly elected Governor of the state of Indiana, and desire his attendance in the representative chamber; for the purpose of taking the oath of office, and that the clerk of this house inform the senate thereof.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Ordered, That the returns of the election from the county of Orange now in the possession of this house be referred to the committee of elections.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That in order to expedite the business of this house, that all messages from this house to the senate be delivered by a member, to be named by the speaker.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial of John Penix of Orange county, touching the illegality of the election of Jonathan Lindley, representative of said county, which on motion of Mr. Ferguson was referred to the committee of election.

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Mr. Noble from the committee of elections, made the following report:

Mr. Speaker, your committee to whom was referred the certificates and credentials of the representatives from the several counties, report in part, that they have performed that duty, and after having carefully examined the same, find, that from the county of Wayne, Joseph Holman, Ephraim Overman, John Scott: from the county of Franklin, James Noble, David Mounts, James Brownlee: from the county of Dearborn, Amos Lane, Erasmus Powell: from the county of Switzerland, John Dumont: from the county of Jefferson, Williamson Dunn, Samuel Alexander: from the county of Clark, Benjamin Ferguson, Thomas Carr, John K. Graham: from the county of Washington, Samuel Milroy, Alexander Little: from the county of Jackson, William Graham: from the county of Harrison, Davis Floyd, John Boone, Jacob Zenor: from the county of Warrick, Ratliff Boone: from the county of Knox, Isaac Blackford, Henry I. Mills, Walter Wilson: from the county of Gibson, John Johnson, Edmund Hogan: from the county of Posey, Dann Lynn: from the county of Perry, Samuel Conner are duly elected and entitled to their seats in this house.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington a member, mr. Speaker, the senate have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the senate and the house of representatives concurring, that both houses of the general assembly meet in the representative chamber, on Wednesday the sixth instant, at 10 o'clock A. M. in order to elect two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the congress of the United States.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That the senate be requested to meet the members of this house in the representative chamber, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a secretary of state.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince a member, mr. Speaker, the senate have disagreed to the resolution of the house of representatives, appointing a committee to wait on Jonathan Jennings Esq. to inform him that he is duly elected Governor of the state of Indiana, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this house to act with a similar committee appointed by the house of representatives, to wait on Jonathan Jennings, Esquire, and inform him that he has been declared by the speaker of the house of representatives, duly elected governor of the state of Indiana, as also, to wait on Christopher Harrison, Esq. and inform him that the speaker of the house of representatives has likewise declared him duly elected lieutenant governor of said state and know from them at what time it will be convenient for them to commence the discharge of the duties of their respective offices; to which resolution the house agreed and on motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this house to act with a committee appointed by the senate for that purpose and Messrs. Floyd and Little were appointed that committee: *Ordered*, that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Connor, a member: Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have appointed Mr. Beggs a committee to wait on Jonathan Jennings, Esq. to inform him that he has been declared by the speaker of the house of representatives, duly elected governor of the state of Indiana as also to

wait on Christopher Harrison, Esq. and inform him that he has been declared by the speaker of the house of representatives, duly elected lieutenant governor thereof and to enquire of them at what time it will be convenient for them to enter upon the duties of their respective offices.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from General W. Johnston which is ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consist of five members for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of providing for the election of three electors for the state of Indiana for President and Vice-President of the United States with leave to report by bill or otherwise and Messrs. Lane, Dumont, Boone, Carr & Hogan, were appointed that committee.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment:—Mr. Floyd from the committee appointed to wait on the governor and lieutenant governor and inform them of their election made the following report.

Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed to act with a similar committee appointed by the senate to wait on his Excellency Jonathan Jennings governor & his Honor Christopher Harrison, lieutenant governor, & inform them that they have been declared duly elected by the speaker of the house of representatives and know when it would be convenient for them to take upon themselves the duties of their respective offices, have according to order performed that duty and have received information from them that on Thursday morning they would be ready and would undertake the duties of their respective offices.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from Messrs. Butler and Hughes of Louisville, on the subject of printing together with a copy of the Constitution and Journals of the Convention of Indiana, neatly bound as a present to this house.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, ordered that the communication just read do lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Conner a member of the house of representatives from the county of Perry, came in, was sworn in the usual form and took his seat.

On motion, ordered that the house adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 6, 1816.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, a member, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have rescinded the resolution passed by them on yesterday for the election of two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the congress of the United States.

Mr. Noble from the committee of elections made the following report, Mr. Speaker, your committee of elections to whom was referred the certificates of the representatives of the several counties in this state, as also the documents and petition of John Penix who contests the election of Jonathan Lindley, the sitting member from the county of Orange, report that they have carefully examined the same, and that the said Jonathan Lindley is duly elected and entitled to his seat in this house from the documents adduced.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the report just read be referred to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for this day.

On motion of mr. Dumont,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said report, mr. Boon, of Warrick, in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boon reported that the committee had according to order had the said report under consideration and had made some amendments thereto which were handed in at the clerk's table and again read and concurred in by the house.

The amendment was made to the report in committee of the whole by striking out the following words, to wit: "and that the said Jonathan Lindley is duly elected and entitled to his seat in this house, &c." inserting the following in lieu thereof, "and that the seat of the said Jonathan Lindley, be vacated, and that an election do now be held for a representative in and for the county of Orange."

A message from the senate by mr. Baird, mr. Speaker, the senate have appointed messrs. De Pauw, Ferris and Prince, a committee on the part of the senate to act with such as may be appointed on the part of the house of representatives to prepare and report joint rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consist of seven members to examine into the most proper manner of proceeding to the appointment of two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the congress of the United States of America, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and messrs. Lane, Noble, Floyd, Mills, Dunn, Graham, of Clark, and Graham, of Jackson, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to act with the committee appointed by the senate for the purpose of drafting rules and regulations for the government of both houses of the general assembly, and messrs. Alexander, Powell, Mount, Ferguson and Noble were appointed that committee; on motion, ordered that the house adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The house met pursuant to adjournment:

On motion of mr. Lane; ordered that the resolution entered into on yesterday respecting the election of a secretary of state be reconsidered; the house proceeded to the reconsideration, and thereupon, on motion of mr. Lane, *Resolved*, That the senate be requested to meet the house of representatives in the representative chamber this evening at 4 o'clock for the purpose of electing a secretary of state, and that Walter Wilson be appointed teller to act with such person as may be appointed by the senate for that purpose to receive and count the votes given for secretary of state, and that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Floyd.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consist of three members to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to amend the act now in force regulating elections, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Floyd, Little and Mills were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Grass, mr. Speaker, I am directed

to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the resolution from this house respecting the election of a secretary of state, and have appointed mr. Ferris, teller.

The members of the senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, and the members of both houses proceeded by ballot to elect a secretary of state, which being finished, the members of the senate returned to their chamber; whereupon mr. Wilson, who was appointed teller on the part of this house to receive and count the ballots given for secretary of state, reported that Robert A. New, had for secretary of state twenty-three votes, and that Alexander Holten had eleven votes, from which it appeared that Robert A. New was duly elected secretary of state for the state of Indiana

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Spéaker, mr. Ferris who was appointed by the senate teller, to receive and count the votes given for secretary of state, has reported to the senate that, Robert A. New is duly elected, whereupon the senate have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That mr. Ferris be appointed a committee to act with such as may be appointed by the house of representatives for that purpose, to wait on Robert A. New, and inform him that he is duly elected secretary of state for the state of Indiana, and know from him at what time it will be convenient for him to enter upon the duties of his office.

On motion,

Resolved, That this house concur in the resolution adopted by the senate, and that mr. Lane, be appointed a committee to act with a committee appointed by the senate to wait on Robert A. New, & inform him that he is duly elected secretary of state for the state of Indiana, and know of him at what time it will be convenient for him to enter upon the duties of his said office.

Mr. Powell from the committee appointed by this house to act with the committee appointed by the senate, for the purpose of drafting rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly, reported that the said committee had performed that duty, and the report being read, on motion, resolved that it be referred to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. Nov. 7th, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of mr. Dumont

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration, the expediency of increasing the bounty for killing of Wolves and Panthers, that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise, and Messrs. Dumont, Holman and Milroy were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consist of three members to enquire into the expediency of providing a public seal and press, and make report thereof, and Messrs. Ferguson, Zenor and Johnson were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That an enrolling clerk be appointed, who shall, when not otherwise employed, assist the clerk of this house, in order to expedite the business of the house.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of the senate to act in conjunction with a similar committee that may be appointed by the house of representatives, to wait on the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, for the purpose of conducting them into the representative chamber, in order that the several oaths of office may be there administered to them in an audible voice, in the presence of both houses of the general assembly at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. to day, to which resolution the house of representatives concurred, and appointed Messrs. Floyd and Lynn a committee to act with the committee appointed by the senate for that purpose.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed on the part of this house to act with the committee appointed by the senate, to wait on Robert A. New, Esq. and inform him that he is duly elected secretary of State for the state of Indiana, reported that the said committee had performed the duty and had received for answer, from the said Robert A. New Esq. that he will enter upon the duties of his office so soon as he may be thereto required.

The senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, whereupon his excellency Jonathan Jennings; esquire, Governor of the state of Indiana, and his honor Christopher Harrison, esquire, Lieutenant Governor thereof, conducted by the joint committee appointed by both houses of the general assembly for that purpose, came in and were each duly sworn into office, whereupon his excellency the Governor, delivered the following speech:

Gentlemen of the Senate and house of Representatives;

The period has arrived which has devolved on you the important duty of giving the first impulse to the government of the state. The result of your deliberations will be considered as indicative of its future character, as well as of the future happiness and prosperity of its citizens.

The reputation of the state as well as its highest interest will require that a just and generous policy towards the general government, and a due regard to the rights of its members respectively, should invariably have their proper influence.

In the commencement of the state government the shackles of the colonial should be forgotten in your united exertions to prove by happy experience that an ~~unflinching~~ adherence to the first principles of our government, and a virtuous exercise ~~of its powers~~ will best secure efficiency to its measures and stability to its character.

Without a frequent recurrence to those principles the administration of government will imperceptibly become more and more ~~arbitrary~~ until the simplicity of our republican institutions may materially be lost in dangerous expedients and political design.

Under every free government, the happiness of the citizens must be identified with their morals, and while a constitutional exercise of their rights shall continue to have its due weight in the discharge of the duties required of the constituted authorities of the state, too much attention cannot be bestowed to the encouragement and promotion of every moral virtue and to the enactment of laws calculated to restrain the vicious, and prescribe punishment for every crime commensurate to its enormity.

In measuring however, to each crime its adequate punishment, it will be well to recollect that the certainty of punishment has generally the surest effect to prevent crime, while punishments unnecessarily severe too

often produce the acquittal of the guilty, and disappoint one of the greatest objects of legislation and good government.

To enforce as far as possible a more rigid discharge of the duties of justices of the peace in relation to the petty crimes, which may be placed within their jurisdiction, might be productive of salutary consequences.

To annex penalties to crimes if the perpetration of them shall be suffered knowingly to pass unheeded by those whose duty it may be to guard against the violation of the laws with impunity, will, to a very considerable degree result in a relaxation of morals, a consequent disregard of the laws and a measurable contempt for the officers who may be appointed to administer them.

The dissemination of useful knowledge will be indispensably necessary as a support to morals and as a restraint to vice; and on this subject it will only be necessary to direct your attention to the plan of education as prescribed by the constitution.

In recommending a revision of the statute laws now in force it can scarcely be necessary to offer any reasons for the measure other than the obscurity which pervades them; and the amendments which they must necessarily undergo to adapt them to the present form of government. The organization of the judiciary of the state as provided for by the constitution, with adequate salaries to its officers on a plan calculated to render the administration of justice free from any unnecessary expenses or delay will engage your most serious attention.

The incorporation of the banks now in operation within the limits of this state as state banks if desirable on the part of these institutions, may be found less difficult at present than at any future period. To provide ways and means for the current year including the demands on the state created by the late convention, will no doubt engage your particular attention. It is not to be expected that the annual revenue of the state, especially for the present year, will be equal to the annual expenditure without resorting to taxes too heavy for the existing circumstances of the country. An adequate loan is therefore recommended if it can be obtained on suitable terms to supply such defect of the revenue in preference to the emission of treasury bills, inasmuch as interest will accrue thereon, and be liable to counterfeiting and other improper practices: under this view of the subject it will be proper to liquidate and cancel the demands existing upon the former government under the character of territorial warrants.

A state debt, although it may be ~~for a~~ unavoidable for a time, may with facility be reimbursed hereafter without additional taxes: when the subjects of ~~the state~~ shall continue to increase in proportion to the increased purchases of the lands of the United States and when the sources of revenue to arise from the grants made to the state can be resorted to and realized.

I recommend to your consideration the propriety of providing by law to prevent more effectually any unlawful attempts to seize and carry into bondage persons of colour legally entitled to their freedom, and at the same time as far as practicable prevent those who rightfully owe service to the citizens of any other state or territory from seeking within the limits of this state, a refuge from the possession of their lawful owners. Such a measure will tend to secure those who are free from any unlawful attempts, and secure the rights of the citizens of other states and territories as far as ought reasonably to be expected.

With a full confidence that your legislative duties will be characterized

by a due regard to the constitutional rights of the citizens, the rising prosperity and importance of the state, my cordial co operation will be cheerfully afforded.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

Which being concluded the senate retired to their chamber.

On motion, Resolved, that the house proceed to the election of an enrolling clerk, and that the candidates do each furnish a specimen of their *hand write*, and that messrs. Mills and Connor, be appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots whereupon the house proceeded to the election of one enrolling clerk, and upon examining the ballots it appeared that Alexander Macey, was duly elected enrolling clerk to this house, who accordingly came in and was duly sworn into office.

On motion, Resolved That a committee of two be appointed to act in conjunction with such as may be appointed on the part of the senate to enquire into the expediency of providing for the public printing, and to contract with some person to do the same, and make report thereof, and thereupon messrs. Powell, Little and Floyd were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that they have passed the following resolution,

Resolved. That mr Pennington be appointed a committee on the part of the senate to act with a similar committee to be appointed by the house of representatives, to contract for the printing of three hundred copies of the communication delivered on this day to the general assembly, by Jonathan Jennings Esq. Governor of the state of Indiana, for the use of the two houses.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr Speaker, I am directed to inform this house, that the committee appointed on the part of the senate, to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by the house of representatives to draft and report rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly, have reported to the senate, joint rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly, in which report the senate have concurred, and to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from Messrs, Cox & Nelson of Corydon, on the subject of the public printing, which is ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the house a communication from Messrs. Brandon & Lodge, on the subject of the public printing, which is ordered likewise to lie on the table.

Mr Wilson moved to introduce the following resolution : Resolved, that the speaker of this house do address a letter to the registers of the land offices at Vincennes, Jeffersonville and Cincinnati, and request them to forward to the speaker of the house of representatives of the state of Indiana, as soon as possible, a statement of the number of quarter sections and sections, or the amount of acres of land sold within the bounds of this state in their respective offices, and forward their accounts therewith.

On motion, ordered that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed until to morrow.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed to enquire into the most pro-

per manner of appointing two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the congress of the United States, reported by bill.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved. That the said bill be taken up and read the first time now, which being done, on motion resolved that this house dispense with the rules in this particular instance which require bills to be read on three several days.

And on motion, resolved that the said bill be taken up and read a second time now.

Whereupon, on motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill mr Hogan in the chair and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Hogan reported that the committee of the whole, according to order had had the said bill under consideration had made some amendments thereto to which they desire the concurrence of the house.

On motion, resolved that the house concur in the amendments made in committee of the whole

Whereupon, on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow—on motion ordered that the house adjourn till 3 o'clock P M.

Three o'clock P M.

House met pursuant to adjournment: On motion of mr Lane, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee appointed to draft and report rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly; mr. Boone in the chair and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boon reported that the committee had according to order had the same under consideration and had made no amendments thereto, whereupon, on motion;

Resolved. That the house concur in the report of the said committee, and that the said rules be adopted as the joint rules for the government of both houses of the general assembly, and that the senate be informed thereof

On motion, ordered the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MORNING NOVEMBER 8, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Noble,

Resolved. That a committee of enrolled bills be appointed, and that the same be informed thereof, and that the senate be informed that the house of representatives have adopted the rules reported by the joint committee appointed for that purpose.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Mr. Keen of Vevay, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing a public seal and press, reported by bill, which was read for the first time, and on motion, ordered that the same be read the second time to morrow.

A message from the senate by mr Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform this house, that the senate have passe a resolution, prescribing the manner, time and place of electing two senators to represent the state

of Indiana in the senate of the congress of the United States, which resolution was taken up & read; on motion of mr. Lane, *Resolved* that it is expedient in this case, to dispense with the rule which requires that all bills shall be read on three several days previous to their final passage, and that said resolution be read a second and third time now, and that the reading of the title be taken for the reading thereof; and whereupon, it was read a second and third time, and passed, and on motion, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Dumont,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft and prepare a bill for the organization and regulation of the militia of the state of Indiana, with leave to report thereon, and messrs. Conner, Wilson, Powell and Carr, were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have appointed messrs. Prince and Ferris a committee of enrollment, to act with such as may be appointed for that purpose by the house of representatives; whereupon ordered, that messrs. Floyd, Lane, Noble and Ferguson be appointed that committee on the part of the house of representatives.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration the expediency and manner of organizing the superior and inferior courts of this state, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Lane, Noble, Ferguson, Floyd, Lynn, Dunn and Wilson, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this house, to act as a joint committee with such as are appointed by the senate, for the purpose of drafting an address in answer to the message of his excellency, Jonathan Jennings, Governor of this state, delivered to both houses of the general assembly, on the 7th, of Nov. 1816, and messrs. Dumont, Noble, Lane and Ferguson were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to examine and report to this house the state of the treasury and the accounts thereof, with instructions to examine the books and papers belonging to the late auditor and treasurer from the time of their origin in the late government of the territory of Indiana, if practicable, and to call upon the treasurer for the inspection of the same, and make report thereon accordingly.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration that part of the Governor's message which recommends a revision of the statute laws now in force of a general nature.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a joint resolution adjourning the circuit court to be holden on Monday the 11th day of November from the the court house in Corydon to the seminary thereof, in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion, ordered, that the rules requiring all bills and joint resolutions to be read three several days be dispensed with as it respects the present resolution, and that the same be read a second and third time now,

whereupon it was read a second and third time ; and on motion, resolved that the house concur in the said resolution, and that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message which recommends the necessity of providing a law the more effectually to prevent the unlawful seizing and carrying away out of this state any free person of colour, and the more effectually to secure to the lawful owners such persons of colour as shall have escaped therefrom and be found within the limits of this state and the more effectual manner of reclaiming those which may have been heretofore unlawfully seized and taken out of this territory.

Mr. Noble, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined the joint resolution of both houses prescribing the mode of electing two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the senate of the congress of the United States and have found the same duly enrolled, whereupon it was signed by the speaker, and on motion, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has signed the joint resolution prescribing the manner, time and place of electing two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the senate of the congress of the United States.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message, as recommends as far as practicable, to provide by law, for a regular discharge of the duties of the justices of the peace, in relation to the petty crimes, and for the purpose of preventing vice and immorality.

On motion, ordered that the house adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Noble from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the committee had presented to the Governor the joint resolution passed by both houses of the general assembly, prescribing the manner, time and place of holding the election for two senators to represent the state of Indiana in the congress of the United States, and that his excellency, the Governor, had approved and signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the providing by law for the punishment of all crimes in direct proportion to the nature of the offence

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Ordered. That Mr. Dunn be appointed a teller on the part of this house, to receive and count the ballots given for senators to represent the state of Indiana, in the congress of the United States, and the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform this house, that the senate have appointed mr. Fall teller on the part of the senate, to receive and count the votes given for senators to represent this state in the congress of the United States.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the Governor has informed the senate by Robert A. New Eq that he did on this day, approve and sign a joint resolution from both houses of the general assembly, providing for the election of senators to represent this state in the congress of the United States.

On motion,

Ordered, That the senate be informed that the house of representatives are now ready to meet the senate in the representative chamber, for the purpose of electing two senators to represent this state in the congress of the United States; whereupon the senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, and the house proceeded by joint ballot to the election of two senators to represent the state of Indiana, in the senate of the congress of the United States, which being finished Mr. Dunn who was appointed teller on the part of this house, and Mr. Paul on the part of the senate, to receive and count the votes, made the following report:

Mr. Speaker, we as tellers, having received and counted the votes given for senators to represent the state of Indiana, in the congress of the United States, do find that James Noble had for senator, twenty six votes, Waller Taylor had for senator, twenty votes, James Scott had for senator, sixteen votes, Jesse L. Hollman for senator, had three votes, Ezra Ferris had for senator, two votes, Davis Floyd had for senator, two votes, Walter Wilson had for senator, two votes, and Elias M'Namee had for senator, one vote. Whereupon the president of the senate who presided at this joint meeting proclaimed James Noble and Waller Taylor duly elected senators to represent the state of Indiana in the senate of the congress of the United States of America; whereupon the senate retired to their chamber.

On motion, ordered that this house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 9, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the several laws now in force providing for the opening and repairing public roads and highways, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and messrs. Powell, Hogan and Floyd were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that the election returns made to the speaker of this house for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member to New, secretary of the

Mr. Lane, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined the joint resolution of both houses of the general assembly adjourning the circuit court from the court house in Corydon to the seminary thereof, and find it duly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The speaker proceeded to the appointment of the following committees and thereupon, messrs. Ferguson, J. K. Graham, Wilson, Scott and Dunn, were appointed a committee to enquire into the state of the treasury: messrs. Lane, Mount, Carr, Johnson and Milroy were appointed a committee to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message relative to the revision of the laws and statutes of a general nature; messrs.

Lane, Overman, Lynn and Little a committee to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message relative to the propriety of providing a law, to prevent the unlawful seizing and carrying away from this state free persons of colour and for other purposes : messrs Lane, Brownlee, Mills and Bonn, of Warrick a committee to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message which recommends a law to provide for the more regular discharge of the duties of the justices of the peace : messrs Lane, Floyd, Ferguson, Alexander and Dumont, a committee to take into consideration that part of the governor's message which recommends the punishment of crimes in proportion to the enormity of the offence.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has this day signed a joint resolution passed by both houses of the general assembly adjourning the circuit court from the court house in Corydon to the seminary thereof.

Mr. Holman laid before the house the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Wayne county praying for the removal of the seat of justice in said county, which being read, on motion of mr. Holman, ordered that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the papers and documents just read with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Holman, Overman, Scott, Lane and Ferguson were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Hogan,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the several acts and laws regulating the courts for the trial of small causes, and messrs. Hogan, Wilson and Dunn were appointed that committee.

Mr. Johnson laid before the house a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Knox and Gibson counties, which being read, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate are now ready to meet them in the representative chamber, in order that the president of the senate may sign four separate certificates certifying that the honorable James Noble and Walter Taylor are duly elected senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States ; on motion, ordered that the senate be informed that the house of representatives are now ready to meet them in the representative chamber for that purpose ; whereupon the senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, and the president of the senate in presence of both houses of the general assembly signed four several certificates of said election, each of which is as follows :

State of Indiana,

Be it remembered that on the eighth day of Nov A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in pursuance of a joint resolution of both houses of the general assembly the members of both houses in the representative chamber proceeded to the election of two senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States. which election being concluded, the tellers appointed on the part of both houses reported to me as the president of the said joint meeting that James Noble and Walter Taylor, had each a majority of votes of the whole number of the members of the general assembly of the said state of Indiana, whereupon, I the said president, hereby certify that at the said election conducted in conformity to

the said joint resolution the Hon. James Noble and Waller Taylor were duly elected senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States during the term fixed by the constitution of the United States.

Signed in presence of both houses

(Test) *Jno Paul,*
Williamson Dunn } Tellers.

CHRISTOPHER HARRISON,
President of the Senate.

The senate retired to their chamber.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

The resolution introduced by mr. Wilson requiring the speaker of this house to address a letter to the registers of the land offices at Vincennes, Jeffersonville and Cincinnati, was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered, that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed indefinitely, whereupon, mr. Ferguson introduced a resolution entitled a joint resolution for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of land sold by the United States within the limits of the state of Indiana, which being read, on motion of mr. Ferguson, resolved that the rules of this house requiring all bills to be read on three several days be dispensed with and that the same be read a second and third time now, whereupon the said resolution was read a second and third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Noble handed in his resignation as a member of this house.

On motion of mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the necessity of passing a law for the inspection of tobacco, flour, pork, &c. with leave to report by bill or otherwise. and messrs. Alexander, William Graham and Powell, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to take into consideration the several acts relating to the listing of taxable property, and the manner of levying and collecting taxes in this state with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of mr. Dunn,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the proper manner and way of establishing county seats, and also the way in which county seats may be removed.

Ordered that the house now adjourn till Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the Hon. Waller Taylor, which being read is ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial from Mark Barnot and others, which being read, on motion, ordered that the same be referred to a select committee, and messrs. Mills and Wilson, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Floyd having obtained leave laid before the house a memorial from a number of the citizens of Orange county, which being read, on motion the same is referred to a select committee, and messrs. Floyd, Little and Alexander were appointed that committee.

Mr. Little from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to amend the act now in force regulating elections, reported a bill for that purpose, which being read, on motion, ordered that the rules which require all bills to be read on three several days be dispensed with in this case, and that the same be read a second and third time now; whereupon the same was read a second and third time, and on the question, shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to enquire into the proper manner of disposing of the public lands granted to this state with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Little, Lynn, Carr, Ferguson and Jno. K. Graham were appointed that committee.

Mr. Milroy introduced the following resolution:

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of declaring such streams or rivers in this state as are proper for navigation public highways, and the propriety of making it finable for obstructing the same, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, which being read, ordered that the same do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson,

The bill providing for a public seal and press, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, Mr. Wilson in the chair, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilson reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had, had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon the house concurred; on motion, ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

Mr. Little moved to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the several laws regulating elections with leave to report by bill or otherwise, which being read and the question being put it was decided in the negative.

The memorial of John Davison, and others of Knox and Gibson counties was laid before the house by Mr. Floyd, which being read, on motion was referred to a select committee, and messrs. Floyd, Wilson, Mills, Johnson and Hogan were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Dumont,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Governors message which relates to the promotion of literature, and that they report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Dumont, Powell and Ratliff Boone were appointed that committee.

The speaker laid before the house sundry petitions of the inhabitants of the Forks of White river in Knox county, praying for a new county, which being read, on motion of Mr. Wilson, was referred to the committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Davison and others.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have refused to concur in the request of this house, to appoint a joint committee to draft an answer to the Governors message.

Mr. Floyd moved that a committee of conference be appointed on the

part of this house, to confer with a committee to be appointed by the senate for that purpose, on the subject of drafting an answer to the Governor's message, and on the question being put, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed on the part of this house, to draft and report an answer to the Governor's message, and messrs. Floyd and Wilson were appointed that committee.

On motion,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the subject of appointing electors in this state, to vote for president & vice president of the United States at the ensuing presidential election, Mr. Mount in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Mount reported that the committee of the whole, had, had the same under consideration, and had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide at this time, for the election of three electors, to vote for president and vice-president of the United States of America, at the ensuing presidential election; to which resolution they desire the concurrence of the house; and on the question, will the house concur in the report of the committee of the whole, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Ayes and Noes being called for by two members. Those who voted in the affirmative, were messrs. Scott, Mount, Brownlee, Lane, Powell, Dumont, Dunn, Alexander, Floyd, Zenor, Milroy, Little, William Graham, Wilson, Mills, Johnson, Lynn, Connor, Overman and Blackford, Speaker. And those who voted in the negative, were messrs. Carr, Ferguson, John K. Graham and Holman.

Mr. Lane introduced a resolution entitled a joint resolution of both houses of the general assembly of Indiana, providing for the election of three electors, to vote for president and vice president of the United States of America, which being read, on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion, ordered, that the house now adjourn till four o'clock this afternoon.

Four o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Powell, ordered that the house adjourn till 2 o'clock to-morrow evening.

TUESDAY, two o'clock, P. M. Nov. 12.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dumont from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to increase the bounty for the killing of Wolves, reported a bill entitled a bill to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves, which being read, on motion, it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson laid before the house a petition of Wm. L. Weathers and Christina Weathers his wife, praying a divorce from the bands of matrimony, which being read, on motion of Mr. Dunn, is ordered to be thrown under the table.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the act which originated in this house, entitled an act to amend the act now in

force regulating elections, with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Wilson having obtained leave laid before the house a memorial of David Milburn and others of Knox and Gibson counties, which being read, it is ordered that the same be referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others, and on motion, messrs. Boone of Warrick and Lynn, were appointed on the said committee.

Mr. Boone of Warrick laid before the house a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Warrick, which being read, on motion of mr. Boone, is ordered to be referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Milburn and others.

On motion of mr. Conner,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the joint resolution of both houses of the general assembly providing for the election of electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, mr. Hogan in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Hogan reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said resolution under consideration and had made some amendments thereto in which they desire the concurrence of this house; whereupon the house concurred in the report of the committee of the whole; and on motion of mr. Wilson, resolved, that the rules requiring all bills to be read on three several days be dispensed with in this case, and that the same be read a third time now; whereupon the same was read a third time, and on the question, shall this resolution pass it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Alexander laid before the house the petition of John Field and others praying for a new county to be laid off from Jefferson, Clark and Jackson counties, which being read is ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, having obtained leave introduced a bill entitled a bill establishing a public library at the seat of government, which being read, ordered that the same be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of mr. Lane,

Ordered That mr. Powell be appointed on the committee to draft and report rules for the government of this house in the room of Col. Noble, resigned.

On motion of mr. Milroy,

Resolved That as soon as rules for the government of this house be reported by the committee appointed for that purpose and be adopted, that the committee on the subject of printing be instructed to have printed a sufficient number of copies thereof to furnish each member of this house, and that they each be furnished with a copy accordingly.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 13, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported an answer to the Governor's message, which being read, on motion of mr. Floyd, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said report, mr. Alexander in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Alexander reported that the commit-

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tee of the whole, according to order, had had the said report under consideration and had made no amendments to the same, in which report they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, the said report was again read and concurred by the house.

On motion of mr. Lane, ordered that the said report be referred to a select committee with leave to report thereon, and messrs. Lane, Carr and Zenor, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Powell, from the committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the house of representatives when in session, reported, which report being read, on motion of mr. Floyd, ordered that the said report be referred to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for this day.

On motion of mr. Boon of Warrick,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to be composed of one member from each county in the state, to draft a bill prescribing the manner and time of holding elections for the several officers in the several counties in this state as is prescribed by the constitution, with leave to report thereon, and messrs. Scott, Brownlee, Lane, Dumont, Alexander, Graham of C. Graham of J. Floyd, Milroy, Mills, Johnson, Lynn, Boon, of W. and Connor, were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the joint resolution from this house, providing for the election of electors to vote for president and vice president of the United States at the ensuing election, with some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of this house, which amendments were handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have appointed messrs. Paul and Pennington a committee on the part of the senate to act with such as may be appointed by the house of representatives for that purpose to contract for public printing.

Mr. Connor gave notice that he would bring in a bill on to-morrow to prevent forgery.

On motion of mr. Milroy,

The amendments made by the senate to the bill on the subject of the approaching election in Orange and Franklin counties were taken up and read, and on the question, will the house concur in the amendments it was decided in the negative. Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker. I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, by the senate, that at the time both houses meet for the purpose of electing electors, to vote for president and vice-president, that there shall be an auditor of public accounts, as also a treasurer of state elected, & that the house of representatives be requested to pass a similar resolution. & on the question, will the house concur in the resolution of the senate, it was decided in the negative, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrollment, reported that the said

committee had examined the joint resolution of both houses, providing for the election of three electors, to vote for president and vice president of the United States at the ensuing election, and found the same duly enrolled; whereupon the same was signed by the speaker of the house of representatives; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the president of the senate has signed the joint resolution from this house, providing for the election of three electors, to vote for president and vice-president at the ensuing presidential election.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign a joint resolution of both houses of the general assembly providing for the election of three electors to vote for president and vice-president of the United States at the ensuing presidential election, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Powell, ordered that the senate be informed that this house have appointed mr. Boon of Warrick, teller on the part of this house and that they are now ready to meet the senate in the representative chamber for the purpose of electing three electors to vote for president and vice president of the United States.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have appointed mr. Ferris, teller, to receive and count the ballots given for electors.

The senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, and both houses proceeded by ballot to the election of electors which being finished, the president of the senate adjourned the joint meeting of both houses till to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, whereupon the senate retired, and the house of representatives being called to order; on motion, ordered that this house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 14.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, pursuant to the adjournment of the joint meeting of both houses, whereupon the president of the senate, in presence of both houses of the general assembly proclaimed Jesse L. Holman, Joseph Bartholomew and Thomas H. Blake, duly elected electors to vote for president and vice-president of the United States at the ensuing presidential election, whereupon the senate retired to their chamber.

The bill providing for the election of senators and for other purposes, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass it was decided in the negative.

The bill providing for a public seal and press, was taken up and read a third time, and on the question, shall this bill pass it was decided in the affirmative.

The bill providing an additional bounty for killing wolves and panthers, was taken up and read a second time and on motion, the same was referred to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Ordered, That a committee of conference be appointed to act with such

committee as may be appointed on the part of the senate for that purpose to take into consideration the amendments made by the senate, (to which this house disagreed) to the bill entitled a bill to amend the act now in force regulating elections, and that the senate be informed thereof; whereupon Mr. Floyd was appointed that committee, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill providing for a public library at the seat of government, was taken up, and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Ferguson, was referred to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day on Wednesday next.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the select committee appointed to draft and report rules for the government of the house when in session, Mr. Carr in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Carr reported that the committee of the whole, according to order had had the said report under consideration, and had made some progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have appointed Mr. De Pauw a committee of conference to act with the committee appointed for that purpose by this house, on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendment made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled a bill to amend the act now in force regulating elections.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed a resolution that all messages from the senate to the house of representatives shall be reduced to writing by the member delivering the same, and handed in at the clerk's table, and they desire this house to pass a similar resolution.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendment made by the senate, to the bill entitled an act to amend the act now in force, regulating elections, reported that the committee of conference had had the same under consideration, and had agreed that the senate should recede from the amendments made by them to the said bill; whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the report of the committee of conference; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference, on the bill entitled a act to amend the act now in force regulating elections.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrollment, reported that they had examined an enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act now in force regulating elections, and found the same duly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Pennington, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed an act legalizing the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson county, at their term of October last, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Alexander laid before the house the petition of Isaac Galland, praying for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony from Nancy Galland his wife, which being read Mr. Alexander moved that the said petition be referred to a select committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and

on the question shall the said petition be referred to a select committee, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of mr. Boone of Warrick,

Ordered That the said Isaac Galland have leave to withdraw his petition and documents, whereupon the same was withdrawn.

Mr. Holman from the committee to whom was referred the petition and documents relative to the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county, reported by bill, which being read, on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the president of the senate has signed a bill which originated in this house, entitled a bill to amend the act now in force regulating elections; ordered that the house now adjourn till three o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Floyd from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Guisey Perkins and others, praying for a new county to be laid off from the counties of Franklin and Wayne, made report on that subject, which report being read, on motion of mr. Ferguson, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said report, mr. Milroy in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Milroy reported that the committee of the whole according to order had, had the said report under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of this house. Whereupon the house concurred in the amendments made to the said report in the committee of the whole, and the said report being read together with the amendments to the same, on motion the house concurred in the same.

A message from the Governor by R. A. New Secretary, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house, that he did on this day approve and sign an act entitled an act to amend the act now in force regulating elections.

Mr. Conner introduced a bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, which being read, ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would bring in a bill on to-morrow, laying off a new county from the counties of Franklin and Wayne.

Ordered, That the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, nine o'clock, Nov. 15.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Holman,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the select committee appointed to draft and report rules for the government of the house when in session, mr. Alexander in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Alexander reported, that the committee of the whole, according to order had had the said report under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon the house concurred in the amendments made to the same in the committee of the whole and the said report together with the said amendments being read, on motion the house concurred in the same.

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the following resolution: *Resolved*, By the senate that a select committee be appointed on the part of this house to act in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the house of representatives, to enquire what contract or engagements have been made by certain individuals to provide a suitable house of accommodation for the Governor in the town of Corydon, and to pay certain sums of money for certain purposes: also what further measures are proper to be adopted by the legislature for the further accommodation of his excellency: also what measures are necessary to be taken to provide suitable offices or places of reception for the papers and documents appertaining to the office of secretary of state, state treasury and auditor; also what measures are advisable to be taken for the establishment of a state library and for the preservation of the books and papers belonging to the legislative department, with leave to report thereon, and have on their part appointed messrs. Beggs, Ferris & Grass, that committee.

On motion of mr. Boone of Warrick,

Resolved, That all messages from this house to the senate shall be reduced to writing by the member delivering the same and handed in at the clerk's table.

On motion of mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the clerk of this house be required to deliver to the committee appointed to examine the auditor and treasurer's office, all papers and documents relative to that subject, which are in his possession.

Mr. Mills from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mark Barnot and others, reported by bill, which being read, on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Dumont gave notice that he would on to morrow, bring in a bill to provide for the incorporation of all public libraries.

On motion of mr. Alexander,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill providing an additional bounty for killing of Wolves and Panthers, mr. Little in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said report under consideration and had made some progress therein and require leave to sit again, whereupon leave is given.

The bill for the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of mr. Lane, ordered that the said bill be recommitted to the select committee who reported the same. Ordered that the house now adjourn till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Powell,

Resolved, That the senate and house of representatives meet in the representative chamber this evening at four o'clock, for the purpose of electing an auditor and treasurer for the state of Indiana; the election to be conducted in the same manner as is provided in a resolution passed this session, for the election of secretary of state, and that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd from the committee appointed to contract with some person

to do the public printing, made report on that subject, which being read, and on motion of Mr. Floyd, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said report, Mr. Graham of Jackson in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Graham reported that the committee of the whole, according to order, had had the same under consideration, and had amended the same, by adopting the following resolution: *Resolved*, by the house of representatives the senate concurring therein, that _____ be appointed as public printer, for the present session of the general assembly.

A message from the senate by mr. Boggs, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the following resolution : *Resolved*, by the senate, that the committee to whom was referred the investigation of private engagements to provide a house for the Governor, &c be instructed to enquire what is the situation of the right of occupancy of this general assembly to the court house of the county of Harrison, and what privileges have been granted them by the county court or citizens of said county, and what measures may be necessary to be adopted for the future accommodation of the legislature during the continuance of the seat of government at Corydon, and that the house of representatives give similar instructions to the committees, with leave to report thereon.

A message from the senate by mr Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the Senate have postponed the consideration of the resolution from this house respecting the election of an auditor and treasurer indefinitely, and that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved. That if agreeable, to the house of representatives, the senate will meet them in the representative chamber this evening at 4 o'clock for the purpose of electing an auditor and treasurer of state, the election to be conducted in the same manner that the election for senators to the United States was conducted on the eighth instant.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the resolution from the senate just read, be amended by striking out the words four o'clock this evening and inserting in lieu thereof the following, at ten o'clock to morrow morning.

Ordered, That the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Connor be appointed teller to receive and count the votes given for auditor and treasurer and that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery was taken up and read the second time and on motion of Mr. Floyd, ordered that the same be referred to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion of mr. Boone of Warrick,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this house to act with a similar committee appointed on the part of the senate to enquire what contracts or regulations have been made by certain individuals to provide a suitable house of accommodation for the Governor and for other purposes, and that the senate be informed thereof; whereupon, messrs. Boone of W. Ferguson and Dumont, were appointed that committee.

Ordered, That the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 16.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from messrs. Nelson and Cox, on the subject of the public printing, which being read on motion of mr. Floyd ordered that it be referred to a committee of the whole on the subject of public printing.

On motion of mr. Milroy:

Resolved. That the speaker of this house invite gen. John Adair to accept a seat within the bar of the house of representatives, in honor of his distinguished services as one of the heroes of New Orleans, together with the hon. Jesse L. Holman.

On motion of mr. Milroy:

Resolved. That it would be an infringement of the constitution to elect or appoint a member of this general assembly, to the office of circuit judge or to the office of auditor or treasurer of state, and on the question being put, the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were messrs. Alexander, Boon, of H. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham, of C. Graham, of J. Hagan, Holman, Lynn, Little, Lane, Milroy, Overman, Powell, Scott, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative were messrs. Boone, of W. Floyd, Johnson, Mills and Wilson.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from mr. Gwathmey of Louisville, on the subject of free navigation which being read, on motion of mr. Floyd, ordered that the same be referred to a select committee and messrs. Floyd, Alexander and Wilson, were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker. I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate will meet them in the representative chamber at ten o'clock to day in order to elect by joint ballot a state treasurer and an auditor of public accounts and that mr. Connor is appointed teller on the part of the senate.

On motion, ordered that the senate be informed that the house of representatives are now ready to meet them in the representative chamber for the purpose of electing an auditor and treasurer of state.

Whereupon, the senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber and both houses proceeded by ballot to the election of an auditor of public accounts, and upon examining the ballots it appeared that Wm. H. Lilley had eighteen votes, and that Milo R. Davis had seventeen votes; whereupon the president of the senate in the presence of both houses of the general assembly declared Wm. H. Lilly, duly elected auditor of public accounts for the state of Indiana; and both houses then proceeded by ballot to the election of treasurer of state, and upon examining the ballots it appeared that Daniel C. Lane was duly elected treasurer of state for the state of Indiana; whereupon the president of the senate declared him duly elected treasurer of state, in presence of both houses of the general assembly.

The senate retired to their chamber.

On motion of mr. Floyd the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the subject of the public printing, mr. Connor in the chair and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Connor reported that the committee of the whole according to order had

had the subject under consideration and had made some progress therein but not having gone through with the same, they desire leave to sit again when upon leave is granted.

Mr. Connor obtained leave of absence until Saturday next.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Nov. 18.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Flood, agreeably to notice, introduced a bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Franklin and Wayne, which was read, and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on the second Monday in December next.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Resolved That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of the public printing.

On motion, resolved that the journal be so amended as to authorize the committee who was appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the public printing to contract with some person to do the same, and make report thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill organizing the supreme court, and regulating the practice therein, which being read, on motion, the same is ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Ordered That the select committee on the subject of the public printing be instructed to have forty copies of the bill reported, organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, printed for the use of the several members of both houses of the general assembly.

On motion of Mr. Hogan,

The bill for the senate legalizing the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson county at their term of October, was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Hogan, having obtained leave, laid before the house sundry petitions of the inhabitants of Gibson county praying for a division of the same, which being read, on motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered that the same be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison, and others.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Ordered That Mr. Carr, be appointed on the select committee to whom is referred the subject of the public printing.

Mr. Lane, having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Posey, praying for a removal of the seat of justice of said county, which being read, was on motion, ordered to be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others.

Mr. Hogan, having obtained leave laid before the house a remonstrance of a number of the inhabitants of Gibson and Posey counties against the petition laid before the house praying for a removal of the seat of justice of Posey county, which being read, on motion, was ordered to be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others.

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The bill supplementary to the act entitled an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox which were consumed by fire at Vincennes in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion was ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

** TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 19.*

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson gave notice that he would bring in a bill on to-morrow, respecting a county treasurer.

Mr. Lane gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill to prevent and punish champerty and maintenance.

On motion of Mr. Dumont, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill entitled a bill to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of wolves and panthers, Mr. Johnson in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Johnson reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same in which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments were handed in at the clerk's table where they were again read and concurred in by the house, and on the question will the house concur in the report of the select committee together with the amendments made to the same in the committee of the whole house, it was carried in the affirmative; on motion, ordered that said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Ordered, That Messrs Floyd, Ferguson, Dumont, Wilson, Alexander and Overman be added to the committee to whom was referred the subject of the revision of the laws now in force of a general nature.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Nov. 20.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill establishing a public library at the seat of government, Mr. Boon of Warrick in the chair, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boon reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having gone through with the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave is given.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Boone of Warrick, moved that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, and on the question will the house now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill it was decided in the negative.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act entitled an act for the relief of those persons who suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of Knox county, which were consumed by fire in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, Mr. Holman in the chair and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holman reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had passed the same without amendments and in which report they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon the house concurred in the same; and on motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered that the house dispense with the rules requiring all bills to be read on three several days previous to their passage, and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time now; whereupon, the said bill was engrossed and read a third time and on the question shall this bill pass it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered. That the title be an act supplementary to the act entitled an act for the relief of those persons who have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of Knox county, which were consumed by fire in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Ordered, That the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the bill from this house, providing for a public seal and press, with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill from the senate regulating the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson county, at their term of October last, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was carried in the affirmative. Ordered that the title be an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Damont agreeably to notice, introduced a bill to incorporate public libraries, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Floyd from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Orange, Knox and Gibson counties, reported in part by bill, organizing a new county out of the county of Knox, which bill was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Wilson having obtained leave, laid before the house a remonstrance of a number of the inhabitants of Gibson county, praying that the said county may not be divided, so as to effect a removal of the seat of justice of the same, which remonstrance was read, and on motion, ordered to be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others.

Mr. Ferguson agreeably to notice, introduced a bill establishing the office of county treasurer, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Saturday next.

Mr. Alexander from the select committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill providing for the inspection of Pork, Flour and Tobacco, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on

Monday next.

Mr. Powell having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of John James and others, praying for a new county to be laid off from the county of Dearborn, which was read, & on motion, ordered that the same be referred to a select committee, and messrs. Powell, Lane, Darnot and Mounts were appointed that committee.

Mr. Dunn from the select committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill providing the mode of removing county seats, which being read on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson having obtained leave, laid before the house, the petition of James Buntion and others of Gibson county, praying for a division of the same, which being read, on motion ordered that the same be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, By the house of representatives, the senate concurring therein, that the committee on the subject of public printing, be instructed to cause all the bills, introduced into either house of a general nature, to be printed in proper form, and copies thereof furnished to the members of both houses before such bills be ordered for a second reading; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Powell from the committee appointed to contract for the public printing, reported that the committee had agreed with Cox & Nelson to do the same, which they agree to do on the following terms, to wit:

1st. The laws and journals and plain composition, at forty five cents per thousand m's and fifty cents per token.

2dly. Plain blanks at seventy five cents per quire.

3dly. Ruled and figured composition and blanks, one hundred per cent higher.

4thly. Paper charged at the stationary prices with the addition of carriage from Louisville to Corydon, and folding and stitching included in the general terms.

5thly. Thirty two pages of octavo will be averaged weekly if required, and neatness and correctness are also pledged.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to Congress, for the establishing post offices and post roads, messrs. Floyd, Dunn, and Graham of C. were appointed that committee, ordered that the house adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MORNING Nov 21.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lynn having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of Samuel Jones and others, praying that an additional tax may be laid in the county of Posey, in order to remunerate the said Samuel Jones for erecting the jail of said county which being read on motion of Mr. Lynn, ordered that the same be referred to a select committee, and messrs. Lynn, Boone and Ferguson were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson,

Resolved, that so much of the Governor's speech as recommends an adequate loan to the state, be referred to a select committee with instructions to receive proposals for the loan of twenty thousand dollars, with

leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Ferguson, Floyd, Dunn, and Wilson, were appointed that committee.

On motion of *mr. Dumont*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of memorializing congress on the subject of establishing a land office within this state for the sale of all lands lying within the same that is now included in the Cincinnati district, state of Ohio, and to enquire into the expediency of memorializing congress either for a removal of the land office from Jeffersonville, or for a redress of inconveniences to which purchasers of lands are now subject in consequence of the instructions from the general government to the receiver of public monies of said district to receive no other money for the payment of lands than such as will be received in deposit in the Louisville bank, with leave to report thereon, and messrs. Dumont, Floyd, Lane, Dunn, Ferguson and Graham, of Clark, were appointed that committee.

On motion of *mr. Graham, of Jackson*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of viewing, and if practicable, of opening a road through the wilderness lying between Jackson and Franklin counties, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Graham, of Jackson, Brownlee, Mounts, Powell, Alexander and Holman, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Orange, Knox, Gibson, Posey, and Warrick, reported, in part by bill entitled a bill to attach a part of the present county of Gibson to the county of Warrick, which was read and on motion ordered to be read a second time on Saturday next.

Mr. Little from the committee appointed for that purpose reported a bill to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Jonathan Lindley, a member from Orange county, came in, produced his credentials and was duly sworn and took his seat.

On motion of *mr. Floyd*,

Ordered, That a committee to consist of nine members be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a state bank with a suitable number of branch banks with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Floyd, Lane, Ferguson, Brownlee, Graham, of Jackson, Wilson, Graham, of Clark, Dumont and Lindley, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Ferguson, introduced a joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress to endeavour to procure a repeal of the act of congress giving additional compensation to the members thereof, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The speaker laid before the house the following communication from *mr. Sumner of Tennessee*, to wit:

Williamson county, Tennessee, Nov. 4, 1816.

SIR,

I was lately in your state, and my business then was to know on what terms I would be permitted to bring my slaves and emancipate them, and was informed the legislature, it was probable, would pass some law to prohibit negroes being brought, on any terms or place, so high a fine per head as to make it impossible for the emancipation to bring them, I hope this may not be the case. I have about forty, and my intention is, if permitted by the laws of Indiana, to bring and free them, to purchase lands

for them, and settle them on it, to give them provisions for the first year, and furnish them with tools for agriculture and domestic manufactory, and next spring with domestic animals. I wish to send about twenty this month, and the residue next spring or summer, and shall start them about this day week, with a friend along fully authorised to emancipate them, and procure lands and provisions, &c.

You must be aware, sir, that this will be attended with no small expenditure of money and trouble, and may I solicit your patronage that some law may be passed allowing me to bring this fall and next spring all I have and emancipate them if permitted to free them, without giving them lands, &c. I have no desire to do so, but would prefer giving them lands, &c. I think that after a man has had the use of slaves and their ancestors 20 or 30 years, it unjust and inhumane to set them unprovided with a home, &c. &c. All that I have was raised by my father and myself, and the oldest is about my age (forty-six) I am also very desirous to leave the slave states, and spend my few remaining days in that state where involuntary servitude is not admissible, and will with the blessing of God, prepare to do so as soon as I can settle my affairs. Let me hope, and not be disappointed that yourself and his excellency the Governor, to whom I have written, friend Jonathan Lindley, will aid me by their influence and procure a law in my favour. It is not convenient to bring all this fall but sure to bring the ballance of them next year. I will most assuredly do a faithful part by them, and not leave them friendless, &c. in want. My agent will be at Vincennes, unavoidable accidents excepted, by the first of Decemer, with a part of my black friends, say about twenty, his name is John S. Rasserrum, and I hope he may get the desired information from the proper authority, the moment he gets there with them.

I am sir, respectfully, your most obt. ser't.

M. E. SUMNER.

*The speaker of the house
of representatives of the state
of Indiana.*

Which communication being read mr. Boone, of Warrick, moved that the same be thrown under the table, and on the question being taken shall this communication be thrown under the table, the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative were messrs Boone, of Harrison, Boone of Warrick, Carr, Graham of Jackson, Mills and Milroy; and those who voted in the negative were messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Mounts, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and so it was decided in the negative.

On motion of mr. Dumont,

Ordered, That the said communication be referred to a select committee, and messrs. Dumont, Lane, Floyd, Boone of Warrick, and Lindley, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Graham, of Jackson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill pointing out the mode of admitting free people of colour into this state, and on the question will the house concur in this resolution, the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative were messrs. Boone, of Warrick, Brownlee, Carr, Floyd, Graham, of

Jackson, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lane, Lindley, Milroy, Mills, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor, and Blackford, speaker; and those who voted in the negative were messrs Alexander, Boone of Harrison, Dunn, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham, of Clark, Hogan, Holman, Mounts, and Overman, and so it was decided in the affirmative; on motion, ordered that messrs. Graham, of Jackson, Dumont, Floyd, Lane, Wilson, and Carr, be that committee.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of elections to whom was referred the certificate of the election of Jonathan Lindley, a member from the county of Orange, reported that the committee of elections had examined the certificate and credentials of the said Jonathan Lindley, and found him duly elected and entitled to his seat in this house.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock,

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 22, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that they do not concur in the joint resolution from this house concerning the committee appointed on the subject of public printing, and that they have passed the following resolution,

Resolved, That the joint committee of public printing be instructed to cause all such bills as either house may deem necessary to be printed in proper form, and forty copies thereof to be furnished for the use of the members of the general assembly, before such bills are ordered to a second reading, and that the house of representatives be requested to pass a similar resolution.

On motion of mr. Hogan,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the act from the senate, legalizing the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson county at their term of October last, mr. Little, in the chair; and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the same under consideration, and had made an amendment to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, and the said amendment was handed in at the clerk's table where the same was again read and concurred in by the house; on motion of mr. Floyd, ordered that the same be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw.

Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act incorporating the Walnut Ridge Library Company in the county of Washington, in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion of mr. Boone, of Warrick,

Resolved, by the house of representatives that the joint committee of public printing be instructed to cause all such bills as either house may deem necessary to be printed in proper form, and forty copies be furnished for the use of the members of the general assembly before the second reading, and that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lindley is appointed on the committee heretofore appointed to provide by law the time, place and manner of conducting elections for the several officers of the several counties in this state.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill entitled an act provid-

ing a public seal and press, was taken up and read, and on motion of Mr. Floyd, ordered that the same be amended by striking out from the word device to the conclusion and insert in lieu thereof the following words, "a forest and a woodman felling a tree, a Buffalo leaving the forest and fleeing through a plain to a distant forest and the Sun sitting in the west with the word Indiana; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill laying off a new county out of the county of Knox, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill to incorporate public libraries was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practise therein, was taken up & read a second time, & on motion of Mr. Lane, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress to use their best endeavors to have the late compensation bill in congress repealed, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill from the senate providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners, was taken up and read the first time, and on motion ordered, the same be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Lane, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county from the town of Salisbury to the town of Centerville in said county, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Milroy, obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Ordered, That the house now adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, Nov. 23, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house a return of the territorial tax from the counties of Knox and Switzerland, which on motion is ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to attach a part of the county of Gibson to Warrick county, was taken up and read a second time and on motion of Mr. Boone, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill establishing the office of county treasurer was taken up and read a second time and on motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that the same be referred to a select committee, and messrs. Ferguson, Mills and Dunn, were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke,

Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed an act concerning the secretary of state to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the house resolved itself into a committee of

the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, mr. Carr, in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Carr, reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same. On motion of mr. Wilson, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress to have the late compensation law of congress repealed be postponed until Monday next.

The act from the senate legalizing the proceeding of the circuit court of Gibson county at their term of October last was taken up and read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass as amended, it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Powell,

Resolved, That the senate be requested to meet the house of representatives in the representative chamber on the 26th inst. at four o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing three circuit judges, one for the eastern, one for the middle and one for the western circuit: the election to be conducted in the same manner as the election for senators to the senate of the United States.

Mr. Powell from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John James and others praying for a new county to be formed out of the county of Dearborn, made the following report.

Mr. Speaker your committee to whom was referred the petition of John James and others, have had the same under consideration, and after carefully examined the geographical situation of the county of Dearborn, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, inasmuch as if granted, it would reduce the aforesaid county under the constitutional quantity of square miles, but find that by leaving the aforesaid county of Dearborn the proper quantity, about one hundred and sixty square miles might be taken off from the south end of said county, lying in the following shape, to wit: about eight miles in width and twenty in length, which report was read, and on motion of Mr. Holman, ordered that the further consideration of the same be postponed until the first day of December eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Mr. Boone of Warrick, moved that the house come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making some provision for the relief of such persons as have been or may hereafter be sued, and against whom a judgment has been rendered, and whose creditors refuse to take in payment the territorial paper or bank notes of any description, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. And on the question being put, will the house adopt the said resolution, the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Carr, Dumont, Dunn, Graham of Jackson, Hogan, Johnson, Lane, Little, Mounts, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker, those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Graham of Clark, Holman, Lindley and Mills, eighteen in the affirmative and four in the negative: where-

upon messrs. Boone of Harrison, Dun and Lane were appointed that committee; ordered that the house adjourn till Monday morning 6 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 25, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dumont gave notice that he would on to-morrow, bring in a bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Dearborn.

Mr. Lane gave notice that he would on to-morrow, bring in a bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Switzerland and Dearborn.

Mr. Floyd having obtained leave, laid before the house, the petition of Joseph Shields, praying that the term of his lease may be prolonged, which being read, on motion, ordered that the said petition be referred to a select committee with leave to report thereon; and thereupon messrs. Floyd, Johnson and Mills were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris,

Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed an act to establish a board of county commissioners to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill establishing the mode of removing county seats was taken up and read a second time and on motion of mr. Dunn, ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday the sixth day of December next.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince,

Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee which may be appointed by the house of representatives to take into consideration what change in our present code of laws are necessary to be made, and what other provisions by law are expedient; also, the expediency of appointing one or more committees to revise and reduce into one code all the laws that may be in force at the end of this present session of the general assembly, and that such committee of revisal report to the next session of this assembly the code so by them revised; that the committees hereby appointed to report to their respective houses, that the house of representatives be requested to appoint a similar committee, that the senate have on their part appointed messrs. Prince, Ferris and Grass, a committee for that purpose.

On motion of mr. Wilson, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to attach part of the county of Gibson, to the county of Warrick, mr. Brownlee, in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Brownlee, reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made an amendment to the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house; on motion, ordered that the consideration of concurrence in the amendment made to the same in the committee of the whole be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the amendments made by the house of representatives to the bill from the senate entitled an act legalizing the proceedings of the circuit of Gibson county at their term of October last: also that the senate have passed a

bill entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and the treasurer of state, to which they desire the concurrence of the house of representatives; that the house have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the senate that every amendment made by this house to any bill or joint resolution from the house of representatives on a separate detached piece of paper shall be under the signature of the secretary; also that the senate have disagreed to the amendments made by the senate to the bill from the house of representatives entitled an act providing for a public seal and press.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh, to which they desire the concurrence of the house of representatives; ordered that the house now adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, was taken up and read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the title be an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the joint resolution instructing our senators in congress, and requesting our representative to use their best endeavors to have the late compensation bill in congress repealed, mr. Lindley in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Lindley reported that the committee of the whole, according to order, had had the said resolution under consideration, and had passed the same without amendments, and in which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole, on motion, ordered that the said resolution be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

On motion of mr. Wilson, ordered that a committee of conference be appointed on the part of this house to act with such as may be appointed for that purpose by the senate, on the disagreement of the senate to the amendments made by the house of representatives to the amendments made by the senate, to the bill providing for a public seal and press, and thereupon messrs. Wilson and Floyd were appointed that committee, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Ordered. That the select committee heretofore appointed, on the subject of a revision of the laws, be discharged from that duty.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed on the part of this house to act with the committee appointed for that purpose by the senate to take into consideration what laws are necessary to be enacted, and what revisions or alterations are expedient and necessary to be made in the same, and to make report thereof; and thereupon, messrs. Lane, Floyd, Ferguson and Dunn, were appointed that committee. *Ordered*, that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to incorporate the Walnut ridge Library Company in the county of Washington, was taken up and read,

and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Saturday the sixth day of December next.

The bill from the senate concerning the secretary of state was taken up and read, and on motion ordered that the same be read a second time on Saturday next.

The bill concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh, was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to establish a board of county commissioners, was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate will not meet this house in the representative chamber on the 26th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing circuit judges.

On motion of mr. Wilson, ordered that the select committee heretofore appointed to draft an answer to the Governor's message be discharged from that duty.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee to whom was referred sundary petitions of the inhabitants of Gibson county praying for a new county, reported by bill, which being read, on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 26, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress to endeavor to have the late compensation law of congress repealed, was taken up and read a third time, and on the question, shall this resolution pass, it was carried in the affirmative, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to establish a board of county commissioners was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Friday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered that the same be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have indefinitely postponed the further consideration of the joint resolution, from the house of representatives, instructing our senators and representative in congress, to endeavor to have the late compensation law changing the mode and increasing the compensation of the members of congress repealed.

On motion of mr. Alexander,

Ordered, That the petition of John Field and others, praying for a new

county to be formed out of the county of Jefferson, Clark, Washington and Jackson, be referred to a select committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and thereupon messrs. Alexander, Carr, Little and Graham, of Jackson, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Connor, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, mr. Mills in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Mills reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress, but not having gone through the same, they desire leave to sit again; whereupon, on motion, leave is given to the committee of the whole to sit again.

On motion of mr. Little,

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor, be at all times welcome to a seat in the house of representatives when in session, and that the speaker inform him of this resolution.

On motion of mr. Hogan,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this house to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the senate for that purpose to take into consideration the necessity of providing by law one or more farms as an asylum for aged, poor and infirm persons agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the constitution of this state, and messrs. Hogan, Floyd, Lindley and Holman, were appointed that committee; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Ordered, that the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Nov 27, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee of enrolment reported that the said committee had examined the enrolled bill from the senate, together with the engrossed bill entitled an act legalizing the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson county at their term of October last, and found the same duly enrolled.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the incorporation of public libraries, mr. Johnson in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Johnson reported that the committee of the whole, according to order, had had the same under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments were handed in at the clerk's table where they were again read and concurred in by the house, and on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have appointed messrs. Paul and De Pauw, a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendments made to the bill providing for a public seal and press.

A message from the senate by mr Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act regulating descents, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by mr Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act authorising Wm. Hurst, guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to purchase land for said minors, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate establishing a board of county commissioners, mr. Milroy in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Milroy reported that the committee of the whole, according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having gone through the same they desire to sit again, whereupon leave was given to the committee of the whole to sit again.

Mr. Floyd, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Shields, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Ferguson, from the select committee to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message which recommends a loan, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow. And then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. Nov. 27.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Graham of Jackson, from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of opening a road from Jackson county to Franklin county, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the subject of the Judiciary, reported a bill organizing the circuit courts which was read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Lane, agreeably to notice, introduced a bill to prevent champerty and maintenance, which was read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Dumont, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from mr. Sumner of Tennessee, on the subject of negroes, made report which was read, and then the house adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MORNING, Nov. 28, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the select committee to whom was referred the communication of mr. Sumner of Tennessee, on the subject of negroes, was taken up and on motion, ordered to be spread on the journals at full length, which is as follows :

The committee to whom was referred, the letter of Sumner of Tennessee, report the following answer :

SIR,

While we rejoice that the Ruler of the Universe has bestowed on you a benevolent heart, we regret that sound policy forbids us to encourage your intentions further than already given by our constitution and laws. Intentions which would have given additional lustre to the most renowned man that ever lived: but when we view the history of African slavery and recollect the series of griefs and oppression which those unhappy people have for ages endured; when we view the deep rooted prejudices that prevail amongst the whites against the unhappy Africans; when we think of the horrors of St. Domingo, and that the same causes which produced those horrors, might in time exist with us in consequence of the admission of numerous blacks among us: we declare that we cannot sanction such admission by any special act of the general assembly.

The people of Indiana as the people of the rest of the states, would be unwilling to grant the blacks the right of suffrage, a representation in the government, or alliances by marriage; for which denial prejudice must take the place of reason, and prejudice however wrong it may be is ever imperious.

The blacks when they might become numerous in our state, without the privileges of freemen, could not feel themselves free. Nature they would say gave us these rights, they are our own, and we will enjoy them. Jealousies would arise, and we would find in the heart of our country interspersed throughout every settlement, an enemy with justice on their side, who would revenge the wrongs done by our ancestors on us and our children. As knowledge would extend the luminous rays among them, instead of their condition being bettered thereby, it would only heap on them, all the miseries attendant on a consciousness of inferiority, and knowledge which to freemen produces joys, would to them open the door of discontent and sorrow. It would therefore, be better to place them if possible, in a situation, where that emblem of the source of all light, would tend to render them more happy. We hope that congress will deem this a subject worthy of their early attention.

Should congress commence a colonization of all the free negroes in America, it would be a measure productive of happiness to both blacks and whites; a measure that would in time separate them from each other, and might save our children from the horrid acts of intestine war.

We trust too, that they will appreciate your meritorious intentions, and that they will not only promote your views, but also make extensive and speedy provision for a more general emancipation as the true interest of the American people will admit.

With sentiments of high consideration, in behalf of the house of representatives, I have the honor to subscribe myself—

Mr. Ferguson moved that the further consideration of the report of the select committee, on the subject of Mr. Sumner's letter be indefinitely postponed, and on the question of postponing the same, the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were messrs. Carr, Ferguson, Graham of Clark, Johnson, Lane, Little, Mills, Milroy and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative, were messrs. Alexander, Boone of Harrison, Boone of Warrick, Brownlee, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of Jackson, Hogan, Holman, Lyan, Lindley, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson and Zenor, and so it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Lane, on the question for the indefinite postponement of the report

of the select committee to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Sumner of Tennessee, gave the following reasons for his vote, and desired the same to be entered upon the journal of the house, to wit:

1st. I am clearly of opinion that the select committee to whom was referred the above letter, have reported very differently from what was intended by the house, and particularly, those who voted in favor of having the same so referred, by reporting an answer to Mr. Sumner, instead of reporting to this house, the expediency or in expediency of legislating on the subject.

2d. Having been one of that committee and not consulted by the chairman thereof and for the first time knowing the course which that committee had pursued on hearing the same read in the house; I feel it a duty which I owe to my own reputation as a member of this house and more especially from a high sense of respect to the feelings and motives which dictated the communication of Mr. Sumner, I voted in favor of treating Mr. Sumner's letter with respect and decency and against its being thrown under the table on the motion of the gentleman from Warrick. I now vote in favor of the motion for an indefinite postponement of the report of the select committee because I conceive it inexpedient to answer Mr. Sumner or any other gentleman upon a subject situated as the present. The constitution having laid the question which is the subject of that communication at rest; and that no course other than that of having reported on the propriety or impropriety of legislating upon the subject would have been correct, which would have brought the subject fairly before the house a copy of that report together with the decision of the house would have been transmitted to Mr. Sumner, which would have given all the information required.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act regulating dower to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of conference on the bill providing for a public seal and press reported that the said committee as well on the part of the senate as on the part of the house of representatives had had the said bill together with the amendments of the same under consideration and that the committee on the part of the senate agreed that the senate should recede from their amendment to the said bill; whereupon the house concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

Ordered, That the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement between the two houses on the bill providing a public seal and press.

On motion of Mr. Lane, ordered that the further consideration of the bill organizing the supreme court be postponed till to morrow.

The bill for the incorporation of public libraries was taken up and read the third time and on the question shall this bill pass, it was carried in the affirmative. On motion ordered that the title be an act for the incorporation of public libraries, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh was taken up and read the third time and passed:—*Ordered*, That the senate be informed thereof.

cond time and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday.

The bill authorising the governor to negotiate a loan, was taken up and read a second time and on motion ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate establishing a board of county commissioners, Mr. Mills in the chair and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Mills reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon on motion leave is granted.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill establishing the salaries of different officers of this state and the compensation to the members of the general assembly and also making appropriation for the members of the late convention and the expences incurred thereby and messrs. Ferguson, Wilson, Little and Lindley were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, the house proceeded to consider the amendment made in committee of the whole, to the bill to attach a part of Gibson county to the county of Warrick, which amendment was to strike out the said bill from the enacting clause and on the question will the house concur in the said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Brownlee, Carr, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of Clark, Hogan, Lane, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Mounts, Powell & Scott, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Boone, of Harrison, Boone of Warrick, Connor, Floyd, Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Mills, Overman, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, yeas 14, nays 13, and so it was decided in the affirmative. *Ordered*, That the house adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock,

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 29, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Floyd, having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford, administrators of Hervey Heth deceased, which was read, and on motion, ordered, to be committed to a select committee, and messrs. Floyd, Mount and Alexander, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Floyd, having obtained leave laid before the house the petition of Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright, which was read & on motion ordered to be committed to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and messrs. Floyd, Mount and Alexander, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Dumont, laid before the house a petition from the trustees of the seminary of Vevay, which was read, and on motion, referred to a select committee and messrs. Dumont and Powell were appointed that committee.

Mr. Holman, gave notice that he would bring in a bill respecting estrays.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial from the board of trustees of the borough of Vincennes, which was read and on motion ordered

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The speaker laid before the house a petition from messrs. Wm. Harris & Frederick Shoults, which was read, and on motion of mr. Lindlev, ordered to be refered to a select committee, and messrs. Lindley, Wilson, Mills, Dumont and Floyd, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Milroy,

The house proceeded to the consideration of the resolution heretofore introduced, and ordered to lie on the table, on the subject of declaring certain streams navigable, and on motion, ordered that a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration with leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise; and thereupon messrs. Milroy, Graham, of Jackson, Holman, Brownlee, Powell, Alexander, Dumont, Carr, Zenor, Lindlev, Wilson, Hogan, Boone, of W. Lynn and Connor, were appointed that committee.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill organizing the supreme court, and regulating the practise therein, mr. Mounts in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Mounts reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

On motion, the house adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. this afternoon.

Three o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Zenor, reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

Ordered, that the house adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, Nov. 30.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Graham of Clark, asked and obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Graham of Jackson, from the committee appointed to draft and report a bill pointing out the mode of admitting free persons of colour into this state reported, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Lynn reported, that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made several amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon the house concurred in the same, and on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Wilson from the joint committee of revision made the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the joint committee of revision, have agreed to recommend that in addition to the bills already before the two houses of the general assembly, there be passed an act to provide for the election of all county and township officers, an act fixing the salaries of the several officers of government, and the compensation to the members of the convention and of the general assembly, providing also for the expenses attending the same. They also recommend that the following laws be revised and amended during the present session, viz: Regulating public roads and highways, revenue, general elections, land sold on execution for debt, justices of the peace, prisons and prison bounds, prosecuting attorneys, militia and civil proceedings, and further recommend that a joint committee to consist of two members to be chosen by the senate and three by this house, be appointed to meet at such time and place as may be directed by the general assembly, to revise all the laws of this state, which may be in force at the close of the present session, and which are not printed with the laws of the present session, which being read, on motion the house concurred in the same.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the senate have concurred in the report of the joint committee of revision; they have also appointed the following committee, viz:

A committee to prepare and bring in a bill to provide for the election of county and township officers; also a committee to revise and amend the laws now in force regulating general elections; also a committee to revise and amend the laws now in force regulating public roads and highways; also a committee to revise and amend the laws now in force regulating prisons and prison bounds; also a committee to revise and amend the laws now in force regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace with leave to report thereon.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am requested by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act for the partition of real estate, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion, ordered that the house adjourn till three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee appointed to bring in a bill regulating the salaries of the different officers of this state, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The bill to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county, from the town of Salisbury, to the town of Centerville in said county, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for a public seal and press and found the same truly enrolled.

The bill from the senate entitled an act, providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners was taken up, and read the second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill authorising the Governor to negotiate a loan, was taken up and

read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the partition of real estate was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulating dower, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulating descents, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act authorising William Hurst, guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan dec. to purchase land for said minors, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act concerning the secretary of state was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, the house dispensed with the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days previous to their passage, and the same was read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane, gave notice that he would on Friday next, bring in a bill regulating the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law, and repealing all law and parts of laws in force in this state, prohibiting attorneys and counsellors at law resident in neighboring states from practising in this state.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, Dec. 2, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house the return of the election from Franklin county, which election was held for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of mr. Noble, which was read, and on motion, referred to a committee of elections.

Mr. Alexander from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Field and others praying for a new county to be formed out of the counties of Jefferson, Clark, Washington and Jackson, reported that the said committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, in which report the house concurred.

Mr. Alexander gave notice that he would bring in a bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson, Clark and Jackson.

Mr. Lindley from the committee to whom was referred the petition of messrs. Harris and Shoults, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Lane from the committee of elections, to whom was referred the certificate and credentials of George L. Murdock a member from Franklin county, reported that the said committee had examined the same and found the said George L. Murdock duly elected and entitled to his seat in this house; whereupon the said George L. Murdock came in and was

sworn in the usual form and took his seat.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

The house proceeded to consider the report of the select committee to whom was refered the letter of mr. Sumner, of Tennessee, and thereupon a motion was made that the house concur in the said report, and on the question will the house concur, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of Wk. Connor, Dumont, Floyd, Graham, of Jackson, Hogan, Lynn, Mills, Powell, Wilson and Zenor; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Ferguson, Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Murdock, Overman, Scott and Blackford, (speaker,) and so it was determined in the negative.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act regulating the solemnization of marriages, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Wilson, moved that the house come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That this house now deem it inexpedient to take any further consideration of the report of the select committee to whom was refered the letter of mr. Sumner of Tennessee, and on the question will the house concur in the said resolution, it was carried in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative were messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Ferguson, Graham of Jackson, Holman, Johnson, Little, Lindley, Mills, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Wilson, Zenor, and Blackford, (speaker;) and those who voted in the negative, were messrs. Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Hogan, Lane, Lynn, Powell and Scott, yeas 16, nays 11.

Mr. Lindley moved that the letter of mr. Sumner be stricken from the journal, and on the question shall the same be stricken from the journal it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Dunn, Ferguson, Lindley, Milroy, and Blackford, (speaker,) and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Boone, of Wk. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Floyd, Graham of Jackson, Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lynn, Mills, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Wilson and Zenor, yeas 5, nays 21.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act establishing a board of county commissioners, mr. Mills in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Mills, reported that the committee of the whole, according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments were handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house.

Mr. Floyd then moved to amend the bill under consideration by striking "The first section of the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The justice of the peace from each township shall compose a court to transact all ~~county~~ business, who shall have power to hear and determine all appeals from justices of the peace from whose judgment an appeal lay behad to the circuit court in such manner as may be directed by law," and on the question will the house concur in the said amendment it

was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Connor, Floyd, Graham of Jackson, Hogan, Johnson and Zenor, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Wk. Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Ferguson, Holman, Lane, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Mills, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford, (speaker,) yeas 7, nays 18.

On motion of mr. Foyd,

The said bill was amended by striking out the word "freeholders" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "qualified electors," and on motion of mr. Lindley, ordered that the said bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

And then the house adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock, P. M. Dec. 2.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson and Perry, was taken up and read, and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, was taken up, and on motion of mr. Lane, ordered that the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill regulating the mode of admitting free persons of colour into this state, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The bill fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Dumont, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of memorializing congress on the subject of land officers, made the following report.

Mr. Speaker, your committee to whom was referred the subject of the expediency of memorializing congress for the erection of a land office within this state for the sale of all lands lying within the same that are now attached to the district of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, and to whom was referred the subject of the grievances arising from the instructions given to the receiver of public monies of the land office at Jeffersonville, beg leave to report that they deem it expedient to memorialize congress on the subject of the former and also the latter, so far as to request the general government to authorize the receiver of public monies of said office to receive the current paper of this state in payment for lands and also to deposit the money collected in this state, in the state bank, when one is established, or in some other bank within this state, in which report the house concurred.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to draft a memorial to congress pursuant to the said report, and thereupon messrs. Lane, Floyd, Ferguson, Powell and Murdock, were appointed that committee.

Resolved, That the house adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on

the bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners, mr. Wilson, in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and mr. Wilson, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table where they were again read and concurred in by the house.

On a motion of Mr. Alexander, ordered, that the said bill be read a third time to morrow.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate, entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state, mr. Alexander in the chair, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Alexander, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made an amendment to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house.

The amendment made to the same was by striking out of that part of the said bill which relates to the treasurer's salary, the words "three hundred and fifty," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "four hundred" and on the question will the house concur in the said amendment, it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative were messrs. Boone of Harrison, Boone of Warrick, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Mills, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Ferguson, Graham of Jackson, Holman, Lane, Little and Mount, yeas 20, nays 8; on motion, ordered that the said bill be read a third time to morrow.

Ordered that the house now adjourn till three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock P. M. Dec. 3.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, with some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The speaker laid before the house a packet of news-papers being the second volume of the National Register, which was forwarded by mr. Mead of Washington City, as a present to the house of representatives; ordered that the same do lie on the table.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill establishing the method of removing county seats and petitioning for new counties, Mr. Boone of Harrison in the chair, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boone reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house: on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Thursday next.

The bill organising the circuit court, and for other purposes, was taken

up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

On motion of mr. Dunn,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of revising the several laws now in force relating to ferries, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and messrs. Floyd, Murdock and Mills, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Dunn, having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of John Vawter and others, praying for a new county to be formed out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, which was read and on motion, referred to a select committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and thereupon Messrs. Dunn, Graham of Jackson, Mount, Dumont, Powell, Little, Murdock and Milroy were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

Mr. Murdock was appointed on the committee on the subject of the militia.

On motion, the house adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 4, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Holman,

The bill for the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county, was taken up and read the third time; mr. Floyd, moved that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, and on the question shall the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Graham of Jackson, Johnson, Mills, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Boone of Warrick, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Hogan, Holman, Lane, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott and Zenor, yeas 11, nays 18.

Mr. Wilson, then moved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed till to-morrow, and on the question of the postponement of the said bill, it was decided in the negative. The question was then put shall this bill pass, and thereupon it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of Warrick, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of Jackson, Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Mills, Milroy, Overman, Powell, Scott, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Murdock, Mount and Wilson, yeas 22, nays 7; ordered that the title of said bill be an act to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery, to which they desire the concurrence of this house; they have also passed

the bill from this house, entitled an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Shields, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments were handed in at the clerk's table, when the same was again read and concurred in by the house; on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act for the incorporation of public libraries with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill organizing the supreme court was taken up and read the third time and passed; on motion, ordered that the title be an act organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill to prevent champerty and maintenance was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 4.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the partition of real estate was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson and Perry, mr. Boone of Harrison in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Boone reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, & had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house; ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the opening a road from Jackson county to Franklin county was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of mr. Graham of J. ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate dower, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate descents, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to authorize Wm. Hurst guar-

dian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased to purchase land for said minors, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

House adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 5. 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Mills asked and obtained leave of absence until the twenty third of this instant.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs Mr. Boone of W. in the chair and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boone, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again; whereupon leave was given.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt with her husband John Catt, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and Coroners was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act establishing a board of county commissioners was taken up and read the third time and on the question shall this bill pass, the yeas and nays, being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham, of C. Graham of J. Holman, Lane, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are, messrs. Alexander, Boone, of H. Connor, Dumont, Floyd, Hogan, Johnson, Lynn and Wilson, yeas 18, nays 9, and so it was decided in the affirmative, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill authorising William Harris and Frederick Shoults to erect a dam across the east fork of White river was taken up and read a second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state was taken up and read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed hereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill establishing the mode of admitting free persons of color into this state, mr. Mounts in the chair and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and mr. Mounts reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made several amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house.

Mr. Milroy moved further to amend the said bill by adding another section thereto, which reads in the following words: If any person of color be found in any county in this state who may have come here after the pas-

sage of this act who cannot give satisfactory evidence of his or her right to freedom agreeably to the provisions of this act it shall be lawful for any person finding such person to carry him or her before any justice of the peace and if upon examination it shall appear that such person has been brought to this state by a master for the purpose of avoiding the expence of maintaining them; in that case it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace to direct the constable of the township to cause such person to be conveyed out of the limits of this state in a direction to the place from whence it is believed such person has come, and on the question shall the said bill be thus amended, it was decided in the negative. The bill was then taken up and read a third time, together with the amendments made to the same in committee of the whole, and on the question shall this bill pass it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Boone of W. Connor, Dumont, Graham, of J. Hogan, Johnson, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Wilson and Zenor, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Murdock, Mounts, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford, speaker. And then the house adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. Dec. 5.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the amendments made by this house to the bill which originated in the senate entitled, an act establishing a board of county commissioners.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the amendments made by this house to the bill which originated in the senate entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state.

The bill establishing the mode of removing county seats was taken up and read third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act establishing the mode of removing county seats; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Shields was taken up and read the third time and passed, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone, of H. Boone, of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham, of J. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Powell, Wilson and Zenor, and those who voted in the negative are, messrs. Brownlee, Ferguson, Graham, of C. Hogan, Lane, Little, Lindley, Murdock, Mounts, Overman, Scott and Blackford, speaker.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson and Perry, was taken up and read the third time and on motion of mr. Floyd committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in all the amendments made by this house to the bill which originated in the senate entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners except the one on the rider marked B, in the second section of said bill.

On motion, resolved that this house adhere to their said amendment.

Ordered, That the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate, to the bill which originated in this house entitled an act for the incorporation of public libraries was taken up and read and concurred in by the house, also the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, also the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state excepting the amendment made to the latter part of the second section, which reads in these words, "in such manner as shall be directed by law;" ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Connor,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a collector in Perry county to collect county and state taxes, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and thereupon messrs. Connor, Wilson, Hogan and Floyd, were appointed that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the senate insist upon their disagreement to the amendments made in the house of representatives to the bill providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners; and request a committee of conference on the subject matter thereof, and have appointed messrs. Paul and Prince, managers on their part.

On motion, resolved that messrs. Lane and Ferguson be appointed a committee of conference on the part of this house on the said disagreement.

Mr. Graham of Jackson, having obtained leave laid before the house the petition of William Flinn, and others, praying that a part of Jackson may be attached to the county of Orange, which was read and on motion of mr. Milroy, ordered to be committed to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Jno. Vawter and others with the addition of messrs. Alexander and Lindley on said committee.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have receded from the amendment to their bill from the house of representatives authorising a loan for the benefit of the state, which amendment was disagreed to by this house.

Ordered that the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

Friday morning, Dec. 6.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Boone of Harrison,

Resolved, That the clerk of this house be authorised and requested to forward to the editors of the Indiana Herald a certified copy of the bill regulating the mode of admitting into this state free people of colour, as passed in committee of the whole, and fell on its final passage together with a certified copy of the yeas and nays taken on the same.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills, and found them truly enrolled, to wit: the bill entitled an act concerning the secretary of state; the bill entitled an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state, and also the bill entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh.

Mr. Ferguson from the joint committee appointed to enquire into the right of occupancy of the general assembly to the court house of the county of Harrison and for other purposes made the following report :

Mr. Speaker, the joint committee appointed to enquire what contracts or engagements have been made by certain individuals to provide a suitable house of accommodation for the Governor in the town of Corydon, and to pay certain sums of money for certain purposes, also what further measures are proper to be adopted by this legislature for the future accommodation of the Governor, also what measures are necessary to be taken to provide suitable offices or places of reception for the papers and accounts appertaining to the offices of secretary of state, treasurer and auditor of public accounts, and also what measures are advisable to be taken for the establishment of a state library and for the preservation of the books and papers belonging to the legislative department, with instructions to enquire what is the situation of the right of occupancy of the general assembly to the court house of the county of Harrison, and what privileges have been granted by the county court or citizens of said county, and what measures may be necessary to be adopted for the further accommodation of the legislature during the continuance of the seat of government at Corydon, have had the several subjects under consideration and beg leave to report. That the contract said to have been entered into by certain individuals to furnish suitable accommodations for the Governor in Corydon has not been complied with ; but Mr. Floyd stated to your committee, that he gave an obligation to the convention to furnish a house suitable for the accommodation of the Governor with other suitable and necessary buildings for the use of the state ; but through unforeseen occurrences has not been able to complete them. But he also states, that he is ready to give up the building he now lives in for that purpose at any time when demanded, and pay a reasonable sum for the deficiency till completed, or he will keep possession and pay an equivalent rent for the whole until spring ; but no obligation can be found by your committee.

Your committee have made the enquiry into the right of occupancy of the court house in Corydon for the use of the state, and find that the associate judges of Harrison county, June term, special court 1816, made the following order, to wit :

Ordered, That the court house of Harrison county, in the town of Corydon, be tendered to the territorial and state legislature, for their use as a state house so long as Corydon shall remain the seat of government.

If the court house be sufficiently guaranteed to the general assembly of the state of Indiana by the above order ; your committee would recommend to the general assembly, to devote the room occupied by the clerk's office in the court house, to the auditor for an office, and that another room in said house be devoted to the secretary of state for an office, and further we would recommend that the books and papers belonging to the legislative department be deposited in the secretary's office.

The committee are decidedly of opinion, that more substantial assurances ought to be given to the general assembly by the citizens or court of Harrison county, for the use of the court house for the benefit of the state while the seat of government remains at Corydon.

As to engagements of certain individuals to pay certain sums of money for the use of the state, the committee beg leave to state, that, they have made every inquiry for a certain bond said to have been given by certain

individuals in Harrison county for the sum of one thousand dollars, payable on the twenty ninth instant, for the use of the state; but cannot get any information where it is, or in whose hands it was deposited.

As to the state library, your committee would recommend that dollars be appropriated for that purpose, provided that the donation of money offered by the citizens of Harrison county for the use of the state, be paid into the state treasury. As to an office for the state treasurer, your committee are of opinion, that the salary allowed him is sufficient allowance for him to furnish his own office, which report was read, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill authorising replevin bonds in certain cases, which was read, and on motion ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed to bring in a bill regulating civil proceedings in law and chancery, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Dunn moved the journal of Wednesday last, be amended by striking out Mr. Floyd's reasons for his vote on the question of recommitting the bill for the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county, and on the question, shall the journal be so amended, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Brownlee, Carr, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Hogan, Holman, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Overman and Scott, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Connor, Floyd, Graham of J. Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Murdock, Powell, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, (speaker) yeas 14, nays 14; there being an equal number of votes in the affirmative and negative, the motion was therefore lost.

The speaker signed the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for a public seal and press, and also the enrolled bill entitled an act concerning the secretary of state, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs, Mr. Connor in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Connor reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made several amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table, when they were again read and concurred in by the house.

On motion, ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next; ordered that the house adjourn till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act, for the incorporation of towns in the state of Indiana; to which they desire the concurrence of this house, and that the senate have rejected the bill from this house, entitled an act supplementary to the act, entitled an act, for the relief of those persons who may have suffered, or who

may hereafter suffer, by the destruction of the records of Knox county; which were consumed by fire, in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Mr. Little obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

On motion and by common consent,

Ordered, That the protests and reasons of the several members, who made and had the same entered on the journal of this house be erased therefrom.

Mr. Powell from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill authorising a lottery for the seminary of Vevay, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Floyd from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright, guardians of the heirs of Richard M'Mahan dec'd reported a bill authorising said guardians to lay out certain monies in purchasing land; which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Alexander agreeably to notice introduced a bill, for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson, Clark and Jackson; which was read and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Floyd from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford, administrators of Hervey Heth deceased, reported by bill; which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Connor from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the appointment of a collector for the county of Perry, reported by bill; which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to bring in a bill for the relief of the sheriff of Clark county, and thereupon messrs. Ferguson and Floyd were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved unanimously, by the house of representatives, that our senators in Congress, be and they are hereby instructed, and our representative requested, to use their influence to procure the appointment of Benjamin Parke esquire of Vincennes, a judge of the district Court of the United States for the district of Indiana, whenever such court may be organised, & that the speaker of this house, forward a copy of the above resolution to our senators, and representative aforesaid.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson and Perry, Mr. Dumont in the chair, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dumont reported, that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house; ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes, Mr. Carr, in the chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Carr reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made

some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerk's table when they were severally read and concurred in by the house, except the one respecting the compensation to the clerks of the house of representatives. The first amendment made to said bill in the committee of the whole, was by filling up the first blank with the words "one thousand" which makes it read "that the Governor shall be allowed the annual salary of one thousand dollars," and on the question, will the house concur in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Graham of J. Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scot, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker; mr. Lane voted in the negative, yeas 25, nays 1.

The second amendment was made in the committee of the whole by filling up the second blank with the word eight which makes it read that the judges of the supreme court shall be allowed the annual salary of eight hundred dollars each, and on the question of concurring in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Dunn, Graham of J. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott, and Zenor, yeas 14, nays 12.

The next amendment made to the said bill in the committee of the whole was by filling up the third blank with the word eight which makes it read that the presidents of the circuits shall be allowed the annual salary of eight hundred dollars each, and on the question of concurring in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Murdock, Mount, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of J. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Milroy, Overman, Powell, Scott and Zenor, yeas 14, nays 12.

The next amendment made in the committee of the whole to said bill was by filling up the fourth blank with the word two, which makes it read that each and every member of this general assembly shall be entitled to and allowed for each and every day's attendance thereon the sum of two dollars, and on the question of concurring in the said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of J. Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Floyd, Lane and Lindley, yeas 18, nays 3.

The next amendment made to said bill in the committee of the whole was by filling up the fifth blank with the word four which makes it read that the secretary of the senate and the clerks of the house of representatives shall each receive and be entitled to the sum of four dollars for each and every day's attendance on the general assembly, and on the question of concurring in said amendment it was decided in the negative, the yeas

and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone, of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Overman, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone, of H. Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Scott and Zenor, yeas 13, nays 14.

Mr. Floyd then moved to amend the said bill by striking out that part of said bill, which was amended in the committee of the whole, these words "that the secretary of senate and the clerks of the house of representatives shall each receive and be allowed the sum of four dollars for each and every days attendance on the general assembly," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, "that the secretary of senate shall be allowed the sum of four dollars for each and every days attendance on the senate as secretary thereof," and on the question shall the said bill be so amended it was determined in the affirmative the yeas and nays being demanded by two members those who voted in the affirmative are, messrs. Alexander, Boone, of H. Boone, of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Mount, Overman, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Graham, of C. Graham, of J. Lane, Milroy, Murdock, Powell, Scott and Zenor; yeas 19, nays 8: Mr. Powell, then moved to amend said bill by inserting these words, "that the clerks of the house of representatives shall each be allowed for their services the sum of three dollars and ninety-nine cents, for each and every days attendance thereon and on the question shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Carr, Dumont, Ferguson, Hogan, Lynn, Lindley, Milroy, Powell, Overman, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone, of H. Boone, of W. Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham, of C. Graham, of J. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Mounts, Murdock and Zenor, yeas 11, nays 13. Mr. Graham, of J. then moved that the said bill be so amended that the clerks of the house of representatives each be allowed the sum of three dollars and seventy five cents per day for their services, and on the question shall the said bill be so amended it was decided in the affirmative; on motion, ordered, that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Tuesday next.

On motion the house adjourned till Monday morning nine o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, Dec. 9, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, resolved that the clerk be directed to enter on the journals of this house the name or names of every member who calls for the yeas and nays.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and Mr. Powell, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein but not having time to go through the same, they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee on Finance, reported that

said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts, and the treasurer of state, which bill originated in the senate and had found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the same was signed by the speaker, ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the inspection of tobacco, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Holman, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

The house then resolved into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act for the partition of real estate and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Murdock reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon the house concurred in said amendment.

The bill was then read the third time and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the negative, ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the President of the senate has signed the enrolled bill from this house, entitled an act providing for a public seal and press ; also, the enrolled bill entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and the treasurer of the state ; also the enrolled bill from this house, entitled an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would bring in a bill to amend the act for the partition of real estates.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Franklin and and Wayne, was taken up and read the second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Thursday next. And then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the opening of a public road from Jackson county to Franklin county, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Lane reported that the committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, and on the question of concurring in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Graham of J. and Murdock ; those who voted in the affirmative were messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Hogan, Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Lindley, Overman, Powell, Wilson, and Blackford speaker ; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Connor, Dumont, Graham of J. Holman, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Scott and Zenor, and so it was deci-

ded in the affirmative, ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time now ; whereupon the same was engrossed and read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decied in the negative.

The bill authorising replevin bonds in certain cases, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill authorising a lottery for the benefit of the seminary of Vevay, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Friday next.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have refused to concur in the bill passed by this house entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Shields.

The bill providing for the appointment of a collector for the county of Perry, was taken up and read a second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The engrossed bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson and Perry, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Boone of W. and Hogan, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Brownlee, Connor, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford (speaker) and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Hogan and Milroy, yeas 22, nays 2. and so it was decided in the affirmative ; ordered that the title be an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Gibson, Perry and Knox, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Dunn gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill to prevent gaming

Mr. Floyd having obtained leave, laid before the house the petition of Adam Conrad, which was read and on motion, ordered to be committed to a select committee, and thereupon messrs. Floyd, Boone and Johnson, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Milroy from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of declaring certain streams navigable, reported by bill which was read, and on motion ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the relief of the sheriff of Clark county, reported by bill which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. Boone of W. asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition of sundry inhabitants of Warrick county, praying that a part of Gibson county be attached to Warrick county.

Ordered, That the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10th, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Lindley,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the revenue and

the regulation of public officers, be directed to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Holman agreeably to notice introduced a bill regulating estrays; which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Dunn agreeably to notice introduced a bill to prevent gaming, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Milroy, Mr. Lindley was added to the committee on the subject of the revenue.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill establishing the office of county Treasurer, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the practice of physic and surgery, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the solemnization of marriages, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt with her husband John Catt, was taken up and read and on motion, ordered that the same be read a second time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the incorporation of towns, was taken up and read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson, Clark and Jackson, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill authorising Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright, guardians of the minor heirs of Richard M'Mahan deceased, to lay out certain monies in purchasing land, was taken up and read a second time and on motion, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Saturday next.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill organizing the circuit court, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Carr, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again: whereupon, leave was given.

And then the house adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house the returns of the taxes for the year 1816, from the counties of Orange and Jackson, which are ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox; as also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the incorporation of public Libraries and had found the same truly enrolled.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating dower, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. John-

son reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon the house concurred in said amendment; on motion, ordered that the said bill be read a third time now, whereupon the same was read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the negative; ordered that the senate be informed thereof. On motion, ordered that the further consideration of the orders of this day be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Dunn from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Flinn and others, reported that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, whereupon the house concurred in said report.

Mr. Dunn from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Vawter and others, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered that the house adjourn till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING Dec. 11, 1816:

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley laid before the house the petition of James Chess, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ferguson laid before the house the petition of William T. Huff and others of Clark county praying the general assembly to memorialize congress on the subject of receiving certain monies in payment for lands, which was read and on motion committed to the select committee heretofore appointed on that subject.

The bill authorising Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford to sell and convey certain lots, was taken up and read a second time and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of wolves, with an amendment, in which they desire the concurrence of this house, whereupon the house proceeded to consider said amendment which was made by the senate, by striking the said bill out from the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following "That every person who shall take or kill any wolf or wolves within this state and within six miles of any of the settlements thereof shall receive the following bounty namely: for each wolf supposed to be two months old and upwards, two dollars, and for each wolf under two months old one dollar, and the person claiming such reward shall produce the scalp with the ears entire within one month after such wolf or wolves has or have been killed to some justice of the peace within the county where such claimant resides, who shall administer to such person the following oath or affirmation, you do solemnly swear or affirm that the scalp or scalps produced by you were taken off of a wolf or wolves killed by you within this state and

within six miles of some one of the settlements thereof, and within one month past, and that you believe such wolf or wolves from which they were taken were under or over two months old as the case may be, and that you have not spared the life of any wolf in your power to kill with the desire to increase the breed thereof.

Sec. 2. The justice before whom such oath or affirmation shall be taken, shall cause the ears on all such scalps to be destroyed in his presence, and shall give to the person making the same a certificate specifying the number of scalps produced and the sum and place of residence.

Sec. 3. The person receiving such certificate or his agent, shall within thirty days thereafter produce the same to the clerk of the circuit court of the proper county, who shall file the same in his office, & under the seal thereof grant to the person producing such certificate, an order on the state treasurer for the amount that may be due him, under the provisions of this act, for which order such person shall pay the clerk twenty five cents, and such orders shall be received by the collectors of land taxes in payment thereof.

Sec. 4. The collector of land taxes shall present all such orders so received by him, according to the provisions of this act to the auditor of public accounts, who is hereby required to issue his warrant therefor, payable at the treasury of the state.

Sec. 5. The commissioners of any county when they deem it expedient may give an additional bounty of one dollar for every scalp taken off of any wolf killed in such county, payable at the county treasury.

Sec. 6. Acts heretofore in force granting bounty for wolf scalps in this state are hereby repealed. This act to take effect and be in force from and after the first day of March next; on motion of Mr. Boone of W. the house concurred in said amendment, and on the question of concurring in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Murdock, Floyd and Boone of W. those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of W. Brownlee, Connor, Dumont, Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lane, Mount, Overman, Powell and Scott, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Boone of H. Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of C. Hogan, Lindley, Murdock, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford (speaker) yeas 15, nays 12; ordered that the senate be informed that the house have concurred in said amendment.

The bill regulating estrays was taken up and read a second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the incorporation of towns was taken up and read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt, with her husband John Catt, was read a second time, and on motion ordered to be read a third time to morrow.

The house resolved into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and Mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, which amendments he handed in at the clerks table, where they were again read and concurred in by the house, the bill was then read the third time and on the question

shall this bill pass as amended, it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the title be an act to prevent waste on land reserved for the use of schools and salt springs; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, resolved that the committee on the subject of banking be discharged from any further consideration on that subject.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn until six o'clock this evening.

Wednesday evening, six o'clock.

Eight members appeared, and on motion, mr. Lane was appointed speaker, pro-tem, and on motion ordered that this house adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 12, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley gave notice that he would bring in a bill to organize a state bank.

Mr. Floyd from the committee on the subject of ferries, reported a bill on that subject, which was read and on motion, ordered that the said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill organizing the circuit court, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion the house concurred in said amendments, and on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Saturday next.

The bill regulating the salaries of certain officers of state and for other purposes was read and mr. Lane moved that the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house, and on the question shall the said bill be recommitted, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Alexander and Lane, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of J. Holman, Little, Lane, Mount, Milroy, Overman, Powell and Scott; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dumont, Graham of C. Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker, yeas 14, nays 14. There being an equal number of votes in the affirmative and negative the motion was therefore lost. The bill was then read the third time and passed, and on the question shall this bill pass, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Lane and Boone of W. those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of C. Hogan, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Wilson and Blackford, speaker; and those in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Graham of J. Holman, Lane, Mount, Powell, Scott and Zenor, yeas 19, nays 9: ordered that the title be an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature the following enrolled bills, viz. the enrolled bill entitled an ac

concerning the secretary of state, also the enrolled bill entitled an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and the treasurer of state; also the enrolled bill entitled an act authorizing a loan for the benefit of the state; also the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for a public seal and press;

A message from the Governor by Mr. Coburn, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house that he did on yesterday approve and sign the act entitled an act authorising a loan for the benefit of the state which originated in this house.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to establish a board of county commissioners and found the same truly enrolled.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorising replevin bonds in certain cases, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion the house concurred in said amendments; ordered that the said bill be engrossed for for a third reading on Saturday next.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to regulate elections, in which they desire the concurrence of this house; they have also, passed a bill entitled an act for the election of county and township officers, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate descents, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hogan reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given and then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker not being present, on motion, Mr. Lane was appointed speaker pro tem.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating descents, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in said amendments, on motion, ordered that the same be read a third time on Monday next. The speaker appeared and resumed his seat.

The bill declaring certain streams, public highways, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill for the relief of John Weathers sheriff of Clark county was

taken up and read the second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the senate by Mr. Prince, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Knox, Gibson and Perry with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson, Clark and Jackson, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Connor reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, and on the question of concurring in said amendment it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Alexander, Floyd and Ferguson, those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Mount, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Scott and Zenor, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone of W. Dumont, Floyd, Hogan, Lane, Wilson and Blackford speaker; on motion ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time now, and thereupon the said bill was read a third time and on the question, shall this bill pass, it was decided in the negative.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent champerty and maintenance, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole, according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, and on the question, will the house concur in said amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded by messrs. Lane and Murdock, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of W. Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Hogan, Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Floyd, Graham of J. Lane, Mount, Milroy, Overman, Powell and Scott, yeas 16, nays 11, and so it was decided in the affirmative; on motion ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time now, and thereupon the said bill was engrossed and read a third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the negative.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the same under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, they desire leave to sit again; whereupon leave was given.

On motion, ordered that the further consideration of the order of this day be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Little moved that the resolution entered into on yesterday, requiring the house to meet at six o'clock in the evening of every day be stricken from the journal; and on the question of striking the same from the journal, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Dumont and Connor, those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lane, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford (speaker,) and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Brownlee, Connor, Dumont, Hogan and Mount, yeas 20, nays 5, and so it was decided in the affirmative, and then the house adjourned till to-morrow.

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 13th, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the house the returns of the taxes from the county of Franklin, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lindley agreeably to notice, reported a bill adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana, which was read, and on motion ordered that the same be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Ferguson laid before the house the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Clark county, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lane agreeably to notice introduced a bill regulating the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law to practice in this state, and repealing all laws and parts of laws now in force prohibiting attorneys and counselors of neighbouring states from practising in this state, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes, was taken up and read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the election of county and township officers, was taken up and read, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulating elections, was taken up and read, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform the house of representatives, that the Governor did on yesterday, notify the senate by Mr. Coburn, that he did on the day preceding, approve and sign an act concerning the secretary of state, and also an act concerning the auditor of public accounts and the treasurer of state.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to prevent gaming was taken up and read the second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate the solemnization of marriages was taken up and read the second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt with her husband John Catt, was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the inspection of tobacco, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Ferguson reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, & had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in said amendments; on motion, ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing for a collector for Perry county, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Dumont reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had passed the same without amendment, and to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in said report, on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time now, and thereupon the same was engrossed and read a third time and passed, ordered that, the title be an act providing for a collector of territorial and county taxes for the county of Perry, ordered that the senate be informed thereof, and then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker not being present, on motion, mr. Floyd was appointed speaker pro tem.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Franklin and Wayne, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Lane reported that the committee of the whole had had the said bill under consideration and had made an amendment to the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house; and on the question will the house concur in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Murdock, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lindley, Mount, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Scott and Wilson, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Dumont, Floyd, Graham of C. Hogan and Zenor, yeas 19, nays 7, and so it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of mr. Floyd, ordered that the further consideration of said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The speaker came in and resumed his seat.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorising a lottery for the seminary of Vevay, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boone of W. reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, and on the question of concurring in said amendment

it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Dumont and Floyd, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Connor, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of C. Lynn, Little, Lindley, Mount, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Scott, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of W. Carr, Dumont, Ferguson, Hogan, Johnson, Lane, Powell and Wilson, yeas 18, nays 9. On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Weathers, sheriff of Clark county, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Hogan reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had passed the same without amendment to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in the report of the committee of the whole; on motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate the practise of physic and surgery, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Graham reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Coburn, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign the act, entitled an act, providing for a public seal and press which originated in this house.

Ordered, That the house adjourn till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 14th, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Carr asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition of a number of inhabitants of Clark county, praying the general assembly to pass an act authorising a lottery for the purpose of erecting a bridge over Silver creek.

Mr. Graham of Jackson laid before the house the remonstrance of John Reddock and others against the petition of John Vawter and others, praying for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson; on motion, ordered, that said remonstrance be committed to a committee of the whole house, on the bill for the formation of said new county.

Mr. Graham of Jackson, laid before the house a petition of messrs. Springer and Hardin, praying the general assembly to pass an act to authorise them to open a race through the corner of a quarter section of land of David Raymond, in order to establish iron works, which was read and referred to a select committee, and thereupon messrs. Graham of Jackson, Hogan and Floyd, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Graham of Clark, from the committee appointed to enquire into the state of the treasury and for other purposes, made the following report:

Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed to examine the accounts of the auditor and treasurer's office, for the Indiana territory, report that according to order they have carefully examined all these papers and documents

relative thereto, which were to be found in the office of the late treasurer, but finding it impossible to form any correct estimate of the receipts and expenditures of that department, from the commencement of our territorial government till the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, they had recourse to the papers of the legislative department, in hopes of finding those papers which relate to the investigating of that subject by former committees and thereby acquiring such information as might elucidate that enquiry, but in this your committee were disappointed, for upon examining the legislative papers which lay jumbled together in a trunk without a lock, the journals of eighteen hundred and ten which contained the investigation of that subject by a committee appointed that session, those journals were not to be found while those of preceding and subsequent years were in the trunk. But few of the papers we found were calculated to cast any light on our enquiry.

Your committee therefore, finding it impracticable to obtain such documents as might lead to a correct detail, have endeavored to give as perfect a statement as the papers in their possession would admit.

According to the auditor's books from 1805 till the 30th of November 1811 there was issued in treasurer's warrants, \$ 9691 42 3 4 c.

Agreeably to the treasurer's books there was paid } \$ 6018 51 c.
for warrants within that period,

While in the same period the books acknowlegd } \$ 1609 00
the receipt of but

What sum was actually paid in that period, it is perhaps impossible to ascertain.

From 1811 till November 1813, when Davis Floyd came into office there had been received from the collectors of the revenue not including interest paid by the treasurer in the last mentioned period for warrants entered not included \$ 7797 73 3 4 c. making the total amount received in warrants from 1805 till 1813 inclusive, \$ 14949 34 3 4 c.

Your committee can find no account of any warrants issued from the 30th of November 1811 till the 15th of February 1813; this accounts for the receipts of warrants into the treasury so far exceeding the amount of those issued till 1813 inclusive.

From the 9th of March 1813 till the 25th of November 1816 there were issued in treasury warrants not including \$ 155 which were re audited in that time 12641 59 1 2 c.

There had been received from collectors for the years 1814 and 1815 in treasury warrants not including interest, \$ 6289 81 c.

If the receipts into the treasury during that period of which there is no account of warrants issued were equal to the expenditures in the same time there would now be but \$ 1093 80 in warrants in circulation, probably not exceeding \$ 1000.

There appear to be due from collectors for the year 1814 }
and 1815, the duplicates of 1816, not being all received that } \$ 16 73 02
year is not included in this item.

There appears to be in treasurer's hands \$292 69 3 4.

While your committee regret that the documents they have examined are insufficient to enable them to give any correct statement, they are of

opinion that considerable sums are due from collectors, and beg leave to recommend to the general assembly as the only mode which appears practicable to ascertain the true state of those accounts; that all those who have been collectors of the revenue for the Indiana territory, be required to render a true statement of their accounts to some proper authority. The duplicate of each year will show what ought to have been paid, and if such collectors cannot produce the treasurer's receipts or other acquitances; they should account for the deficiency, if any.

Your committee would also suggest the propriety of having all the accounts of the auditor's and treasurer's offices kept in double entry, without which accounts are liable to error and much more difficult to investigate.

Which report was read and concurred in by the house, and on motion of mr. Lindley, resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the settlement of the accounts of the auditor, treasurer and collectors of county and territorial taxes, and thereupon messrs. Lindley, Lane, Graham of Clark and Murdock, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Powell from the committee on the subject of the militia reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered; to be read a second time on Monday next.

The speaker signed an enrolled bill entitled an act for the incorporation of public libraries, also, an enrolled bill entitled an act establishing a board of county commissioners, ordered, that the senate be informed thereof

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the president of the senate did on this day sign the enrolled bill entitled an act establishing a board of county commissisoners.

Mr. Floyd from the committee to whom was refered the petition of Adam Conrad, reported by bill, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would bring in a bill to receive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary.

The bill regulating ferries was taken up and read a second time and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The bill authorising Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright guardians of the minor heirs of Richard M'Mahan decd. to lay out certain monies in the purchase of lands for said minors, was taken and read the third time and passed; ordered that the title be an act to authorise Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright guardians of the minor heirs of Richard M'Mahan decd. to lay out certain monies of said minors in the purchase of lands for said minors; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill regulating the admission of attornies and counsellors at law was aken up and read a second time, and on motion, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole & made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the senate by mr. Grass, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the president of the senate did on this day sign the enrolled bill from the house of representatives entitled an act for the incorporation of public libraries.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in said amendments; on motion, ordered that the same be read a third time on Tuesday next.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to prevent manstealing, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion the house adjourned one hour.

Saturday evening Dec. 14.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill organizing the circuit courts was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson & Boone of W. the votes were as follows: yeas 25, nays 3, those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lane, Lindley, Mount, Milroy, Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of W. Hogan and Murdock.

On motion, ordered that the title be an act organizing circuit courts; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Knox Gibson and Perry, were taken up and read and on motion the house concurred in the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Beard, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county, with some amendments thereto, in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill declaring certain streams, public highways, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Brownlee reported that the committee of the whole according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given, and then the house adjourned till Monday morning nine o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING Dec. 16, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and found the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt with her husband John Catt, as also the enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of wolves, and found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Floyd agreeably to notice introduced a bill to revive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The bill entitled an act organizing the supreme court was taken up and read, together with the amendments made to the same by the senate, which amendments were all concurred in by the house except the following, to wit: the one relative to the terms, also the one relative to the assigning of all errors previous to issuing the writ; also the one relative to the assigning of errors in the cases of wills, mills and roads.

The bill authorising replevin bonds in certain cases was taken up and read the third time and passed; ordered that the title be an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorising Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford, to sell and convey certain lots of lands, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Mount reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in said amendments, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Wednesday next.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent gaming, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Connor reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

On motion the house adjourned for one hour.

Monday Evening, Dec. 16.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent gaming, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of Jackson, reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house. And then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 17, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill respecting the appropriation of fines.

Mr. Graham of J. to whom was referred the petition of messrs. Spring-

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er and Harden, reported by bill, which was read and on motion ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Davison and others, reported a bill to attach a part of Gibson county to the county of Posey, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Lane, gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill to dissolve the marriage contract heretofore entered into between Thomas Wardell and Maria H. Wardell, of the county of Dearborn.

Mr. Little gave notice that he would on to morrow bring in a bill to incorporate a county library for the counties of Pike and Davies.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee did on yesterday present to the Governor for his approval and signature, the enrolled bill entitled an act establishing a board of county commissioners; also the anrolled bill entitled an act incorporating public libraries.

Mr. Milroy from the committee on the subject of taxes reported by bill, which was read and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent gaming, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Little, reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have receded from their amendment made to the bill organizing the supreme court, and regulating the practice therein, in the latter part of the third section by striking out the same from the word "continued" in the 9th line as amended to the end of the section and inserting in lieu thereof the words until the business befor them is dispatched, and insist upon all the other amendments made by them.

A message from the senate by mr. Grass, mr Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to appoint a collector of county and territorial taxes for the county of Perry, with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this house. And then the house adjourned for one hour.

Tuesday evening, December 17.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the solemnization of marriages; and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, they desire leave to sit again; whereupon leave was given.

The bill regulating the inspection of tobacco, was taken up and read the third time and passed:

Ordered, That the title be an act regulating the inspection of tobacco, ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon the house concurred in said amendments.

Mr. Graham of J. moved further to amend the said bill by striking out the following words in the first section thereof at the intersection of the line dividing ranges six and seven east, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, at a point where a line running through the centre of range seven intersects the same, and on the question, shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Graham of J. the votes were as follows, yeas 5, nays 20, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Floyd, Graham of J. and Milroy, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lindley, Lynn, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford (speaker)

On motion, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Thursday next.

And then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 18, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley agreeable to notice introduced a bill regulating the appropriation of fines, which was read and on motion ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Little agreeably to notice introduced a bill incorporating a county library, for the counties of Pike and Davies, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Saturday next.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

A committee of conference was appointed on the part of this house, on the subject of the disagreement of the two houses on the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and thereupon messrs. Wilson, Lane and Ferguson were appointed that committee, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would on to-morrow, bring in a bill to attach the lots laid out by W. H. Harrison in the county of Knox to the borough of Vincennes.

Mr. Lane agreeably to notice introduced a bill to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wardell and Maria H. Wardell his wife, which was read, and mr. Lindley then moved that the further consideration be indefinitely postponed, and on the question shall the same be indefinitely postponed, it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Powell and Alexander, the votes were as follows: yeas 9, nays 15, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of W. Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Johnson, Little, Lindley and Scott. and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander,

Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Floyd, Graham of J. Lane, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Wilson and Blackford speaker : on motion, ordered that the said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Lynn laid before the house the petition of William Blevings and others of Posey county, praying the general assembly to extend the bounds of said county, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the solemnization of marriages, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Holman reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in said amendment.

On motion of mr. Floyd,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill for the relief of John Weathers sheriff of Clark county, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Powell, the votes were as follows : yeas 17, nays 5, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Mount and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Holman, Lane, Powell, Scott and Wilson ; ordered that the title be an act for the relief of John Weathers sheriff of Clark county, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill declaring certain streams public highways, and after some time spent therein, mr. speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of the house ; whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same.

Mr. Floyd then moved further to amend the said bill by striking out the words five years, and insert in lieu thereof, the words three years, in the second section of said bill, and on the question shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Wilson, the votes were as follows : yeas 7, nays 16, and those who voted in the affirmative are, messrs. Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of J. Little, Lindley and Milroy, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Mount, Powell, Scott, Wilson and Blackford speaker.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

The said bill was then amended by striking out the words five and six and inserting in lie thereof, up to the principal meridian in the latter part of the third section thereof, ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The bill establishing the office of county treasurer was taken up and read a second time, and on motion ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate elections, was taken

up and read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate descents, was taken up and on motion the further consideration of the same was postponed till to-morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Ferguson reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house; on motion, ordered that the consideration of concurrence be postponed till to-morrow, ordered that the house now adjourn for one hour.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 18.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act for the removal of the seat of justice of Wayne county was taken up and read and concurred in by this house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill regulating the militia was taken up and on motion the further consideration of said bill was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act organizing circuit courts with some amendments in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled an act providing for public printing and for other purposes, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in said amendments; on motion the said bill was then read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill entitled an act regulating prisons and prison bounds to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the bill providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners made report, in which the house concurred; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the bill entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act authorising Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright, to lay out certain monies belonging to the infant heirs of Richard M. Mahan, decd. in the purchase of lands with some amend-

ments to which they desire the concurrence of this house; and that the senate have concurred in the amendments made by this house to the bill from the senate entitled an act providing for public printing and for other purposes.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating ferries, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Johnson reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same in which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same.

On motion, the bill was read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the title be an act to amend the several acts regulating ferries; ordered that the senate be informed thereof: and the house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 19, 1846.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wilson laid before the house the petition of John Hall and others praying for a new county to be formed out of the county of Knox, which was read, and on motion the same was committed to a select committee and messrs. Wilson, Johnson and Lynn, were appointed that committee.

On motion of mr. Dunn,

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass it was decided in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Graham of Jackson, the votes were as follows, yeas 21, nays 2, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Little, Lane, Lindley, Mount, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Scott and Blackford, speaker; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Floyd and Graham of J.

Ordered, That the said bill be entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

Resolved, That the senate be requested to attend with the house of representatives in the representative chamber on the 20th of this inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. in order to elect by joint ballot of both houses the presidents of the circuit courts, the election to be conducted in the same manner the election for auditor and treasurer of state was conducted.

On motion of mr. Graham of Jackson,

Resolved, That no new business be taken up after Saturday next unless two thirds of the members concur, and on the question of adopting this resolution, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd, Lane and Alexander, the votes were as follows, yeas 14, nays 10, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of W. Brownlee, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Little, Mount, Murdock, Overman and Scott; and those who voted in the neg-

ative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Carr, Floyd, Lynn, Lane, Lindley, Milroy, Powell and Blackford, speaker.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the subject matter of dispute between the two houses on the amendment made by the senate to the bill, organizing the supreme court, and regulating the practice therein, and disagreed to by the house of representatives, the senate do adhere to their amendments, and grant the conference asked for by the house of representatives, and have appointed messrs. Ferris and Paul, managers on their part.

The bill from the senate, entitled an act providing for the election of county and township officers was taken up and read the second time, and on motion, the same was committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for this day, and on motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on said bill and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Murdock reported that the committee of the whole according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon the house concurred in said amendments, on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with that require all bills to be read on three several days previous to their passage and the said bill was then read a third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion the same was committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill regulating proceedings in suits at law and chancery was taken up and read the second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

The bill for the relief of Adam Conrad, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery, was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law and for other purposes, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Holman reported that the committee of the whole, according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

The said bill was amended by striking out fifteen lines in the latter part of the second section of said bill; the said bill was then read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, ordered that the said bill be entitled an act regulating

the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law and for other purposes, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases, with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this house; they have concurred in the amendments made by this house to the bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the election of county and township officers.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the Governor has notified the senate by mr. Coburn, that he did on the seventeenth instant, approve and sign an act entitled an act to establish a board of county commissioners; I am also directed by the senate to inform this house that they will meet the house of representatives in the representative chamber on the twentieth inst. at ten o'clock A. M. to elect three president judges to preside in the several circuits for holding circuit courts in this state agreeably to the request of the house of representatives, and that they have appointed mr. Ferris teller on the part of the senate.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in all the amendments made by the house to the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

Mr. Little gave notice that he would on to morrow, bring in a bill concerning the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of this general assembly.

The bill from the senate entitled an act incorporating the walnut ridge library company, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion the house dispensed with the rules and the said bill was read the third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the senate entitled an act for the incorporation of towns, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Boone of W. reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon, on motion the house concurred in said amendments, and on motion the said bill was read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane dissented from and protested against the resolution of this house entered into on this day, that no new business should be taken up after Saturday next, and desired that this his protest together with his reasons therefor, should be spread upon the journals.

1st. Because he deemed the resolution highly injurious to the public abridging the right of the whole body politic, in violation of the plain and priceless provisions of the constitution, and an unnecessary invasion of ancient, meridian and modern rules and customs of legislation, injurious to the public, abridging the rights of the people, and in violation of the provisions of the constitution. Because by the 19th section of the first article of the constitution it is provided, "that the people have a right to assemble together in a peaceable manner to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the legislature for redress of grievances, & this right being general, unqualified, supreme, constitution-

al and of great importance to the citizens, cannot be impaired by the length of a session; but exists as well on the last as on the first day of a session, in violation of the rules and customs of legislation; because a majority of all legislative bodies are competent: a quorum being present with some few exceptions, of which the resolution under consideration is not one, to hear all petitions, transact and pass all laws not prohibited by the constitution.

On motion, ordered that the house adjourn for one hour.

Thursday evening, Dec. 19.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wilson from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hall and others, reported a bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, which was read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The amendment made by the senate to the bill from this house, entitled an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools, was taken up and read, and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases was taken up and read, and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house, entitled an act providing for the appointment of collector of county and territorial taxes for the county of Perry, were taken up and read, and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill entitled an act authorising R. M. Heth and Jonathan Wright to lay out certain monies belonging to the infant heirs of Richard M'Mahan decd. in the purchase of lands, were taken up and read, and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act organizing circuit courts, was taken up and read and concurred in by the house; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes, were taken up and read and on the question will the house concur in the first amendment which was made in the senate by striking out the word 'eight' and inserting the word 'seven' in lieu thereof in that part of said bill which relate to the salary of the judges of the supreme court, it was decided in the affirmative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Lane, the votes were as follows, yeas 19, nays 8, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of W. Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Little, Lane, Lindley, Mount, Milroy, Overman, Powell, Scott & Zenor; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of H. Connor, Dumont, Graham, of C. Lynn, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker.

The second amendment made to said bill by the senate, was by striking out the word 'eight' and inserting the word 'seven' in lieu thereof in that part of said bill which relates to the salaries of circuit judges, and on

the question will the house concur in said amendment, the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Murdock, the votes were as follows, yeas 19, nays 8, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Ferguson, Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little; Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott and Zenor; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of W. Connor, Dumont, Graham of C. Lynn, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker.

The next amendment made to the said bill by the senate was by striking out the word 'four dollars' and inserting the words 'three dollars and fifty cents' in lieu thereof; and on the question will the house concur in said amendment it was decided in the negative.

The next amendment made to said bill by the senate was by striking out the words 'seventy five cents, in that part of said bill which relates to the compensation of the clerks of the house of representatives, and on the question will the house concur in said amendments it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Graham of J. the votes were as follows, yeas 10, nays 17, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Boone of W. Floyd, Johnson, Little, Lane, Milroy, Scott and Zenor, and those in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Lynn, Lindley, Mount, Murdock, Overman, Powell, Wilson and Blackford, speaker.

The next amendment made to said bill by the senate, was by striking out that part of said bill which relates to the compensation of the door-keeper of the late convention the words 'one dollar and fifty cents' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'two dollars', and on the question will the house concur in said amendment, it was decided in the affirmative; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec, 20, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Connor, gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill to amend the act entitled an act organising and regulating the militia.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners; also the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, resolved, that the senate be informed that this house are now ready to meet them in the representative chamber in order to proceed to the election of circuit judges and that Mr. Graham, of Clark, is appointed teller on the part of this house; whereupon the senate came in and took their seats in the representative chamber, and both houses proceeded by joint ballot to the election of a presiding judge for the first circuit of the state of Indiana, which being finished, upon examining the ballots it appeared that Benjamin Parke had twenty votes, and that General W. Johnson had thirteen, and Jesse Olds had one, whereupon the president

of the senate, in presence of both houses of the general assembly, proclaimed Benjamin Parke, duly elected presiding judge of the first circuit of the state of Indiana.

The two houses then proceeded to the election of a presiding judge for the second circuit of the state of Indiana, which being finished, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that David Raymond had thirty votes, that Alexander Dunn had six, and Jesse Olds one, whereupon the president of the senate, in presence of both houses of the general assembly, proclaimed David Raymond duly elected presiding judge of the second circuit of the state of Indiana.

The two houses then proceeded to the election of a presiding judge of the third circuit of the state of Indiana, which being finished, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that John Teste had twenty one votes and John Watts had sixteen, whereupon the president of the senate, in presence of both houses of the general assembly, proclaimed John Teste duly elected presiding judge of the third circuit of the state of Indiana, and then the senate retired to their chamber; and then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. Dec. 20.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes, also the bill entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners.

Mr. Dumont gave notice that he would on to-morrow bring in a bill regulating the town of Vevay.

Mr. Floyd gave notice that he would on to morrow bring in a bill on the subject of promissory notes.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon on motion, leave was given.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have concurred in all the amendments made by this house to the bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the incorporation of towns, except those made in the twelfth section, by striking out the word "three" and inserting the word twenty in lieu thereof.

Mr. Ferguson laid before the house the petition of a number of inhabitants of the town of Jeffersonville, praying that the plan of said town may be changed, which was read and referred to a select committee, and messrs. Ferguson, Milroy, Dunn and Graham of C. were appointed that committee.

Messrs. Boone of W. and Overman asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, ordered that the house now adjourn till to morrow morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 21, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act organizing the circuit courts, also the enrolled bill entitled an act to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county, also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of Knox, Gibson and Perry, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Little agreeably to notice introduced a bill concerning the printing and distribution of acts and journals of this general assembly, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The speaker announced to the house the death of Edmond Hogan, esq. a member from the county of Gibson.

On motion of mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That each member of the house of representatives wear crape on their left arm during the present session, as a tribute of respect so justly due the memory of Edmond Hogan esq. decd. late member of the house from the county of Gibson, whose death has just been announced, and that a committee be appointed to make arrangements preparatory to his burial, the last melancholy service required from the living to a departed friend, and messrs. Johnson, Wilson and Lynn were appointed that committee; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed the following resolution: resolved by the senate, that the president, members and secretary of the senate be requested each to wear crape on their left arms, as a tribute of respect justly due to the memory of Edmond Hogan esq. decd. late a member of the house of representatives, from the county of Gibson, whose death has been announced to this house by the house of representatives.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners, also the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the public printing and for other purposes.

Mr. Dumont, agreeably to notice introduced a bill to amend the act entitled an act regulating the town of Vevay, which was read & on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the said bill was read a second and third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd, agreeably to notice, introduced a bill concerning promissory notes, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Connor, agreeably to notice introduced a bill to amend the act entitled an act organising and regulating the militia, which was read and on motion, ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have receded from their amendment made to the bill from this house entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes, which was not concurred in by this house in that part of the said bill which relates to the compen-

sation of the secretary of the senate and the clerks of the house of representatives.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the Governor did on this day notify the senate by mr. Coburn, that he did on the 20th instant, approve and sign the act providing for the commissioning of sheriffs and coroners ; also the act providing for the public printing and for other purposes.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled an act organising circuit courts ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Knox, Gibson and Perry ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, with some amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

Mr. Wilson from the committee appointed to make arrangements for the interment of Edmond Hogan esq. decd. made the following report: mr. Speaker your committee appointed to make arrangements for the interment of Edmond Hogan esq. decd. have according to order performed that duty, and will proceed in funeral procession to-morrow at twelve o'clock to the public burial ground in Corydon, to pay the last tribute of respect to our departed friend.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act incorporating the walnut ridge library company in the county of Washington and found the same truly enrolled.

And then the house adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, Dec. 23, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker signed the following enrolled bill to wit: The enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to provide for the election of county and township officers ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a collector of county and territorial taxes for the county of Perry ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act legalizing the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson at their term of October last ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to authorize R. M. Heth and Jonathan Wright guardians of the infant heirs of Richard M'Mahan decd. to lay out certain monies belonging to said heirs in the purchase of lands ;

also the enrolled bill entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt with her husband John Catt; also the enrolled bill entitled an act incorporating the walnut ridge library company in the county of Washington; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to vacate the town of Edenburg; also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of conference, reported that the said committee according to order had had under consideration, the disagreement of the two houses on the bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and have agreed by the senate receding on their part, so far as it regards wills, and this house to their non-concurrence to the ballance of the amendments made by the senate in which report the house concurred, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendments made by the senate to the bill organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act regulating the practice of physic and surgery, and also the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house.

Mr. Dunn, then moved further to amend said bill by striking out the words 'bank of Vincennes established at Vincennes,' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'Farmers' and Mechanics' bank of Indiana, established at Madison,' and on the question shall the bill be so amended it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Dunn and Alexander, the votes were as follows, yeas 8, nays 17, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Dumont, Dunn, Graham of J. Holman, Little, Milroy and Scott, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Connor, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker.

On motion, the house then concurred in the amendments made to said bill in the committee of the whole. The said bill was then read the third time and passed.

Ordered that the title be an act adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana and for other purposes; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to amend the act for the regulation of the town of Vevay.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has signed the following enrolled bills, to wit: The enrolled bill entitled an act organising the supreme court and regulating the practice therein; also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox; also an enrolled bill entitled an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases; also the enrolled bill entitled an act legalising the proceedings of the circuit court of Gibson at their term of October last; also the enrolled bill entitled an act authorising Richard M. Heth and Jonathan Wright, guardians of the infant heirs of Richard M. Mahan, decd. to lay out certain monies belonging to said heirs in the purchase of lands; also the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the election of county and township officers, also the enrolled bill entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a collector of county and territorial taxes for the county of Perry; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to vacate the town of Edinburgh; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to incorporate the Walnut ridge library company; also the enrolled bill entitled an act dissolving the marriage of Mary Catt, with her husband John Catt; also the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating the practice of physic and surgery; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage the killing of wolves.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign an act entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Knox, Gibson and Perry; and also an act entitled an act to remove the seat of justice of Wayne county.

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act regulating the inspection of tobacco with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs, and had found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill providing the mode of levying and collecting taxes was taken up and on motion of mr. Lindley the same was recommitted to a select committee, and messrs. Lindley, Milroy, Floyd, Lane and Graham of C. were appointed that committee.

The bill to prevent gaming was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act to prevent gaming, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act regulating the town of Vevay, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill declaring certain streams public highways, was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act declaring certain streams public highways, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the president of the senate has signed

the bill from this house entitled an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill to add the lots lately laid out by William H. Harrison, to the borough of Vincennes, in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill for the relief of Adam Conrad, was read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill supplementary to the act entitled an act regulating grist mills and millers, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill providing for the appropriation of fines was taken up and read the second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to revive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary, was taken up and read the third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill on the subject of promissory notes, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate a public library in the counties of Pike and Davies, was read a second time, and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The house proceeded to consider their amendment made to the bill from the senate entitled an act for the incorporation of towns, which was disagreed to by the senate, and on motion the house receded from their amendment, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

And then the house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill to attach part of Gibson county to the county of Posey, was taken up and read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to prevent man stealing, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to add the lots lately laid out by William H. Harrison, to the borough of Vincennes, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments made in the committee of the whole to the bill to prevent counterfeiting and forgery & on motion the house concurred in the same except the one on the subject of the admission of certain testimony.

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, was taken up and read the second time and on motion committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to dissolve the marriage of Maria H. Wardell, with her husband Thomas Wardell, was read a second time, and on motion, the same was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to prevent certain immoral practices, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act entitled an act organising and regulating the militia, was taken up and read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

And then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 24, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Jeffersonville, praying that the plan of said town may be changed, reported by bill which was read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act regulating the inspection of tobacco, were taken up and read, and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boone of H. reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in the several amendments made to said bill in the nineteenth section thereof, by inserting these words, "and witnesses shall be summoned to appear at such trial and be examined before the jury, under the same rules and regulations as at common law." The yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Lane and Ferguson, the votes were as follows: yeas 21, nays 4, and those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Boone of H, Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Lane, Overman and Scott, on motion the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act to regulate proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Dumont asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill prescribing the mode of summoning and compensating jurors.

A message from the senate by Mr. Pennington, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have passed a bill

entitled an act to amend the act now in force for the partition of land, in which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to inform this house that he did on yesterday approve and sign an act organizing the supreme court and regulating the practice therein, and that he did on this day approve and sign the following acts to wit: an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs; also an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox; also an act authorising replevin bonds in certain cases; also an act to amend the act regulating the town of Vevay; also an act authorising R. M. Heth and Jonathan Wright guardians of the infant heirs of Richard M'Mahan deceased, to lay out certain monies belonging to said heirs in the purchase of lands; also an act to amend the act to encourage the killing of wolves; also an act to provide for the appointment of a collector of county and territorial taxes for the county of Perry which originated in the house of representatives.

On motion the house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill providing the mode of levying and collecting taxes, reported a bill on that subject, which was read and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read a second time, and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill establishing the office of county treasurer, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Brownlee reported that the committee of the whole according to order, had had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion the house concurred in the same.

On motion, the said bill was then read the third time and passed; ordered that the said bill be entitled an act establishing the office of county treasurer and for other purposes. Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act regulatig descents, was taken up and read the third time and on the question shall this bill pass, it was carried in the affirmative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs Powell and Murdock, the votes were as follows, yeas 14 nays 7, and those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Alexander, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Graham of Jackson, Johnson, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Overman and Zenor and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Holman, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Wison and Blackford, speaker. *Ordered*, That the senate be informed thereof.

The bill concerning the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of this general assembly, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion of mr. Little, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole had ac-

cording to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given; and then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 25, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lindley from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the settlement of the accounts of the collectors & holders of public monies, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing for the assessing and collecting the revenue, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and Mr. Little, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have refused to concur in the amendments made by the house of representatives to the fifth and sixth sections of the bill from the senate entitled an act to regulate descents and have concurred in the amendment made to the ninth section of said bill.

A message from the senate by Mr. Beggs, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have rejected the bill from this house, entitled an act for the relief of John Weathers, sheriff of Clark county.

A message from the senate by Mr. Paul, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. Pennington, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill from this house, entitled an act to revive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary; they have also passed the bill from this house, entitled an act for the relief of Adam Conrad, with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to prevent gaming, with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a joint resolution, respecting the immediate printing and distributing certain acts, passed at the present session of the general assembly, to which they desire the concurrence of this house; and then the house adjourned for one hour.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill, with the engrossed bill entitled an act regulating the inspection of tobacco, and had found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendment made by the senate to the bill from this house, entitled an act to prevent gaming was taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill, with the engrossed bill entitled an act for the relief of Adam Conrad, also the enrolled bill entitled an act to revive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker, resumed the chair, and mr. Ferguson, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same, and on motion the said bill was then read the third time and passed, Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Conner, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed a bill from this house, entitled an act regulating grist mills and millers.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the president of the senate has signed the following enrolled bills, to wit: The enrolled bill entitled an act regulating the inspection of tobacco, also the enrolled bill entitled an act to revive the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary, also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the relief of Adam Conrad.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Lane reported that the committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same; on motion the said bill was then read the third time and passed.

Ordered that the title be an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorise William Harris and Frederick Shoults to erect a dam across White river, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon, on motion, leave was given. And then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 26, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Laae,

The committee heretofore appointed to draft a memorial to congress on the subject of land offices, was discharged from any further consideration on that subject.

Mr. Lane then moved that the house come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft and report a memorial to congress praying them to establish a new land office in the eastern part of this state for the sale of lands in this state now attached to the land office at Cincinnati ; and on the question will the house adopt the said resolution it was decided in the affirmative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Murdock, the votes were as follows, yeas 20, nays 4, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham, of C. Holman, Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Scott, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker ; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Dunn, Graham of J. Little and Lindley, and messrs. Lane, Floyd and Wilson, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating ferries, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee appointed to draft a memorial to congress, on the subject of establishing a new land office in the eastern part of this state, reported that the said committee had performed that duty and submitted the memorial drafted by the said committee to the consideration of the house which was read and concurred in by the house.

The joint resolution of the senate on the subject of the immediate printing and distributing of certain acts of the present general assembly, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the third time and passed ; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing the mode of assessing and collecting revenue and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of J. reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house ; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same.

Mr. Floyd then moved further to amend the said bill by adding thereto the following clause to wit : " and the county commissioners shall lay an additional tax on land according to the rate thereof, not exceeding fifty per centum in proportion to the number of wolf scalps returned to them in their respective counties to be collected and paid as other tax on land is collected and paid," and on the question shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Floyd and Murdock, the votes were as follows : yeas 14, nays 13, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Carr, Connor, Dunn, Floyd, Lane, Lindley, Mount, Zenor, and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Overman, Scott and Wilson.

Mr. Milroy then moved to amend the said bill by adding thereto, the following section :

Sec. 1. " The president and directors of each and every bank within this state, shall reserve one per cent out of their dividends for the use of the state, which shall be paid to the state treasurer, or to the order or warrant

of the auditor of public accounts by the cashiers of the banks respectively" and on the question shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Milroy and Little, the votes were as follows: yeas 12, nays 12, and those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of J. Holman, Lane, Little, Milroy, Mount, Overman, Scott and Zenor, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Wilson and Blackford, speaker. There being an equal number of votes in the affirmative and negative, the motion was therefore lost. Mr. Wilson then moved further to amend the said bill by adding, after the word season in the second section thereof, these words, "for every slave or bond servant of color, over twelve years of age, two dollars," and on the question shall the bill be so amended, it was decided in the affirmative and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Johnson, the votes were as follows, yeas 12, nays 11, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Connor, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of J. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Mount, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Dumont, Dunn, Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Lindely, Milroy, Murdock, Overman and Scott.

Mr. Wilson then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following provision thereto, "and every free male person of color above eighteen and under forty five years of age, shall pay the sum of five dollars annually, as an equivalent for exemption from militia duty and serving on juries.

Mr. Graham of J. then moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "five," and inserting the word "eight" in lieu thereof; and on the question shall the said amendment be so amended, it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Graham of J. and Murdock, the votes were as follows: yeas 4, nays 18 and those who yoted in the affirmative, are messrs. Graham of J. Johnson, Milroy and Wilson, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Connor Dumont; Dunn, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of Clark Holman, Lane, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Scott, Zenor and Blackford, speaker.

The question was then put on Mr. Wilson's amendment, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Murdock and Wilson, the votes were as follows: yeas 12, nays 11, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of H. Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of J. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Brownlee, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman and Scott, and so it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Dunn, then moved to amend said bill by adding the following provision thereto, "that each and every person who shall hold any male person of colour of the age of twenty-one years, or any female person of colour of the age of eighteen years, in bondage or servitude without paying such person of color and equivalent for such servitude, shall pay an annual tax of fifty dollars," and on the question shall the said bill be so amended it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Dunn, the votes were as follows: yeas 10, nays 12,

and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Dumont, Dunn, Holman, Lindley, Milroy, Mount, Overman, and Scott; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Carr, Connor, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of C. Graham of J. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford speaker.

Mr. Lane then moved to strike out the word "nine," in that part of said bill which relates to the sheriffs' commission for collecting and paying over monies, and insert in lieu thereof the word "seven," and on the question shall the said bill be so amended, it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Mount and milroy, the votes were as follows: yeas 10, nays 12, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Graham of Jackson, Holman, Lane, Milroy, Mount, Overman and Scott; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Johnson, Little, Lynn, Lindley, Zenor and Blackford speaker.

On motion, ordered that the further consideration of said bill be postponed till to morrow. And then the house adjourned for one hour.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize Wm. Harris and Frederick Shoults, to erect a dam across White river, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Holman, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made an amendment to the same by striking it out from the enacting clause in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in said amendment; on motion the further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the senate by mr. Connor, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act regulating proceedings in suits at law and in chancery; with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to authorize Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford, to sell and convey certain lots of land.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, the house have passed the bill from this house entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to provide for the running of the county line dividing the county of Clark and Jefferson, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Floyd laid before the house the petition of Benjamin Harris and others praying for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Harrison and Washington, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of mr. Ferguson,

The bill to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville was taken up and read the second time, and on motion of mr. Ferguson, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Milroy re-

ported that the committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same.

On motion, ordered, that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

Mr Dumont agreeable to notice introduced a bill prescribing the mode of summoning and compensating jurors, which was read and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing for the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Floyd reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county, was taken up and read and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read the second time and on motion, ordered to be read a third time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to amend the act now in force regulating the partition of land, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the running of the line dividing the counties of Jefferson and Clark, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had on this day presented to the Governor for his approval & signature the following enrolled bills, *to wit*: The enrolled bill entitled an act for the relief of Adam Conrad; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to revive the act to incorporate the Corydon seminary; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating ferries; and then the house adjourned till to morrow morning nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 27, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house proceed to consider their amendments made to the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating descents, in the fifth and sixth sections of said bill

Mr Wilson moved that this house recede from their said amendments to said bill, and on the question of receding from said amendments, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of mr. Wilson,

A committee of conference was appointed on the part of this house on the disagreement of the two houses on the said amendments, and messrs. Wilson and Floyd were appointed that committee, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act to regulate proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, except the one made in the thirty-fourth section of said bill, by striking out that part of the same

which repeals all laws and parts of laws requiring resident plaintiffs to give security for costs previous to bringing suits; and the amendment made to said bill by striking out the thirty-fifth section thereof. Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion, the house resumed the consideration of the bill providing for the assessing and collecting revenue.

Mr. Dunn, moved to re-consider the vote taken yesterday on the amendments made to said bill on the subject of taxing slaves, bond servants and free persons of colour, and on the question will the house consider the same, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Ferguson, then moved to amend the first amendment made to said bill on that subject by striking out the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five" and on the question shall the said amendment be so amended it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Graham of J. the votes were as follows; yeas 6, nays 18, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Brownlee, Ferguson, Little, Milroy, Murdock and Zenor; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Carr, Connor, Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of C. Graham of J. Holman, Johnson, Lynn, Lindley, Mount Overman, Powell, Scott, Wilson & Blackford speaker.

Mr. Floyd then moved to amend the said amendments as first proposed by adding the following provision "the person holding any slave or bond servant of colour over twelve years of age other than apprentices, two dollars."

Mr. Dumont, then moved to amend mr. Ferguson's amendment by striking out of the same the word "slave" and on the question shall the proposed amendment be so amended it was decided in the negative.

The question was then put on the amendment as offered by mr. Floyd, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Dunn, the votes were as follows: yeas 14, nays 12, and those who voted in the affirmative, are messrs. Brownlee, Connor, Ferguson, Floyd, Graham of J. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Murdock, Mount, Wilson, Zenor, and Blackford, (speaker) and those who voted in the negative are, messrs. Alexander, Carr, Dumont, Dunn, Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Overman, Powell, Scott, and so it was decided in the affirmative.

A motion was then made to amend the said bill by inserting the amendment made on yesterday, and which was reconsidered on this day, which provides that each and every free male person of color, above eighteen and under forty five years of age shall pay an annual tax of five dollars, and on the question shall the said bill be amended; it was decided in the negative, and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Wilson and Graham of Jackson, the votes were as follows: yeas 11, nays 14, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Connor, Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of J. Johnson, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford (speaker) and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee; Carr, Dunn, Floyd; Graham of C. Holman, Lane, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell and Scott; on motion, ordered, that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor, to announce to this house that he did on this day approve and sign the following acts, to wit: an act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; also an act for the relief of Adam Conrad; also an act to amend the several acts regulating ferries; also, an act

to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Corydon seminary ; all of which originated in the house of representatives, ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill respecting the appropriation of fines, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Dunn, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in the same.

On motion,

The rules of the house were dispensed with, and the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act respecting the appropriation of fines, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the engrossed with the enrolled joint resolution, respecting the immediate printing and distributing of certain acts of the present session of the General Assembly, and had found the same truly enrolled : whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning promissory notes, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Lynn reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion the house concurred in the same ; on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with and the said bill was read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act concerning promissory notes, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate, entitled an act to prevent manstealing, was taken up and read, and on motion the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Mount reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration; and had made an amendment to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in said amendment. Mr. Milroy then moved to add an additional section to said bill, which reads as follows :

Sec All male persons of color emigrating to this state, after the time af this act taking effect, shall each pay a tax of five dollars annually to the use of the county, where he or they may reside, or be found ; and on the question, shall the said bill be so amended it was decided in the negative and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Milroy and Murdock, the votes were as follows ; yeas 11, nays 13, and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Connor, Ferguson, Graham of Jackson, Johnson Lane, Little, Lynn, Milroy, Wilson, Zenor, and Blackford speaker; and

those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of C. Holman, Lindley, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell and Scott, on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act regulating prisons and prison bounds was taken up and read the second time, and on motion was committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for this day, whereupon, on motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Milroy reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment to the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same, the yeas and nays being demanded on the question of concurring in said amendment by messrs. Lane and Alexander, the votes were as follows, yeas 22, nays 1, Mr. Lane voted in the negative, and all the other members present in the affirmative, on motion, the further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee for enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature, the following enrolled bills, to wit: the enrolled bill entitled, an act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson; also the enrolled bill entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers, and for other purposes, and also a joint resolution respecting the immediate printing and distributing of certain acts of the present session of the general assembly; and then the house adjourned for one hour.

Friday evening, December, 27.

House met pursuant to adjournment:

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled, an act regulating elections, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ferguson reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same, on motion, ordered that the said bill be read a third time to morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating estrays, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Connor, reported that the committee of the whole according to order had had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, and on the question shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on said bill it was decided in the negative.

A message in writing was received from the Governor by Mr. Coburn, which was read and is as follows:

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR—Herewith I transmit for the use of the house of representa-

tatives, a copy of the journals of the house of representatives of the United States, transmitted by order of the same.

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

December 27, 1816.

The bill for the relief of James Vawter late sheriff of Jefferson county, was read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate adhere to their amendments made to the bill from this house, entitled an act-regulating proceedings in suits at law and in chancery.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by his excellency the Governor to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign the following enrolled bills, to wit: an enrolled bill entitled an act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes; the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson and Jackson and for other purposes, which acts originated in this house.

The bill to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville, was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville and for other purposes ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act for the partition of land was taken up and read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The bill to dissolve the marriage contract of Maria H. Wardell, with her husband Thomas Wardell, was taken up and read the third time, and on the question shall this bill pass, it was decided in the affirmative and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Boone of H. and Lindley, the votes were as follows, yeas 15, nays 9; and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Carr, Dumont, Floyd, Johnson, Lane, Lynn, Milroy, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Connor, Dunn, Ferguson, Graham of C. Holman, Little, Lindley, Overman and Scott, ordered that the title be an act to dissolve the marriage of Maria H. Wardell with her husband Thomas Wardell, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to amend the act respecting crimes and punishments to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the running of the county line between the counties of Jefferson and Clark, was taken up and read the second time, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read the third time and passed; ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to attach the lots lately laid off by William H. Harrison to the borough of Vincennes was read a second time, and on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act supplementary to the act respecting crimes and punishments, was taken up and read and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to prevent certain immoral practices was read the second time, and on motion, committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 28, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Lane,

A committee of conference was appointed on the disagreement of the two houses on the bill entitled an act to regulate proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, and messrs. Lane and Floyd were appointed that committee.

Ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act supplementary to the act regulating grist-mills and millers, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Dunn, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill supplementary to the act organizing and regulating the militia, reported said bill with amendments, which was read and on motion the same was committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for this day; and on motion the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on said bill, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Lane reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, whereupon leave was given.

A message from the senate by mr. Grass. mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey.

The bill providing the mode of assessing and collecting revenue was taken up and read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act providing the mode of assessing and collecting revenue; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Graham of C. reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion the house concurred in the same. The said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the said bill be entitled an act respecting the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to authorise Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Brad-

found to sell and convey certain lots of land ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent gaming ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same ; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the president of the senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled an act supplementary to the act regulating grist mills and millers.

The senate still adhere to their amendments made to the bill regulating suits at law and in chancery, and have granted the committee of conference asked for, and have appointed on their part, messrs. Ferris and Paul that committee ; on motion the house adjourned for one hour.

Saturday evening, Dec. 28.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Robert A. New and James Lemon, on the subject of distributing of the constitutions and journals of the convention, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing for the settlement of accounts of collectors and holders of public monies, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Boone of Harrison, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had passed the same without amendment, and in which they desire the concurrence of the house ; whereupon the house concurred in the same.

On motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the said bill was then read the third time and passed ; ordered that the title be an act providing for the collection of certain debts due the state ; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the act organising and regulating the militia, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Ferguson reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house ; whereupon, on motion the house concurred in the same ; on motion, the said bill was then read the third time and passed ; ordered that it be entitled an act supplementary to the act organising and regulating the militia, ordered that the senate be informed thereof ; on motion, the orders of this day were postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Powell, from the committee on the subject of public roads and highways, reported a bill on that subject, which was read, and on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Ferguson, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to prevent manstealing, and found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same ; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Prince, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from the house entitled an act adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana ; on motion, the house adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, Dec 30, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Lane, from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey, and had found the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same ; ordered that the senate be informed thereof

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had on this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature the following bills, to wit : the enrolled bill entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox ; also an enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent gaming ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act, supplementary to the act regulating grist mills and millers ; also the enrolled bill entitled an act authorising Rebecca Heth and Fielding M. Bradford administrators of Hervey Heth dec'd to sell and convey certain lots of land.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from messrs Cox and Nelson, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lane gave notice that he would on to morrow bring in a bill, to transfer certain powers from the late circuit court and general court, to the present circuit court and supreme court.

Mr. Milroy gave notice that he would on to morrow bring in a bill on the subject of subscribing stock to the State Bank.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating public roads and highways, and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Lane reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, and on motion, the house concurred in the same, except the one made in the thirteenth section of said bill by striking out the word improved and inserting in lieu thereof the word unimproved.

Mr. Lane then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following provision thereto after the word in the section of said bill. " Not exceeding ten days nor less than two days to be assessed and apportioned by the commissioners according to the amount of taxable property that each and every person so to be assessed and required to work shall have given in as such to the lister of taxable property in each and every county—that the commissioners shall cause to be delivered to each and every overseer of roads a list of the number of days each person shall be so assessed and required to work within his district."

And on the question shall the said bill be so amended it was decided in the negative and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Lane and Murdock the votes were as follows, yeas 10 nays 12 and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs Alexander, Boone of H. Brownlee, Dumont, Graham of C. Lane, Murdock, Mount, Powell, Zenor ; and those who voted in the negative are, messrs. Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of

J. Holman, Johnson, Little, Lindley, Milroy, Overman, Scott, Blackford (speaker) on motion ordered that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act respecting the appropriation of fines without amendment.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Maria H. Wardell with her husband Thomas Wardell with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the Governor to inform this house that he did on this day, approve & sign the following enrolled bills entitled acts to wit: an act to prevent gaming; an act to authorize Rebecca Heth & Fielding M. Bradford administrators of Hervey Heth deceased to sell and convey certain lots of land; an act for the formation of a new county out of the county of Knox; an act supplementary to the act regulating grist mills and millers, which acts originated in the house of representatives.

A message from the senate by mr. Grass, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill providing for the election of senators and representatives from this state to the Congress of the United States to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by mr. Conner, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act respecting the negotiability of certain promissory notes without amendment.

A message from the senate by mr. Biggs Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act to prevent counterfeiting and forgery without amendment.

On motion the house adjourned for one hour.

Monday evening, December 30.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Lane from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the bill entitled an act regulating suits at law and in chancery, reported that the said committee had had the same under consideration, and had agreed that the house of representatives should recede from their objections and concur in the amendments made by the senate to said bill, and on motion the house concurred in said report, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house, entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Maria H. Wardell and her husband Thomas Wardell; and on motion the house concurred in said amendments, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the incorporation of a public library in the county of Pike, and after sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house: whereupon on motion the house concurred in the same and on motion the

rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read a third time and passed, ordered that the title be an act to incorporate a county library in the county of Pike, and for other purposes, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd agreeable to notice introduced a bill making certain specific appropriations, which was read and on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendments made by this house to the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating descents reported that the said committee of conference had had the same under consideration and had agreed that the house of representatives should recede from their amendments made to said bill in the fifth section thereof, and that the senate should concur in the amendment made by this house to the sixth section of said bill, in which report the house concurred.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, the senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses, on the amendments made by the senate to the bill from the house of representatives, entitled an act to regulate proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, they have also concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the subject of the disagreement of the two houses, on the amendments made by the house of representatives to the bill from the senate to regulate descents.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill entitled an act to authorize William Hurst, guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to lay out certain money belonging to said minors in the purchase of land, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dunn reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house: whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same; the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill prescribing the mode of summoning and compensating jurors was taking up and read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the senate entitled an act to prevent certain immoral practices, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and Mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had passed the same without amendment and in which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same: Mr. Graham of Jackson, then moved that the further consideration of said bill be indefinitely postponed and on that question the yeas and nays were called for by messrs. Murdock and Floyd and the votes were as follows, yeas 7, nays 15, and those who voted in the affirmative are, messrs. Dumont, Ferguson, Graham of C. Graham of Jackson, Lynn, Wilson and Blackford, speaker; and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Carr, Dunn, Floyd, Holman, Johnson, Lane, Little, Lindly, Murdock, Mount, Overman, Powell, Scott, and so it was decided in the negative; on motion

the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the senate entitled act to amend the act regulating the partition of land; and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and mr. Ferguson reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and passed the same without amendment, and to which they desire the concurrence of the house, and on motion, the house concurred in the same; on motion, the said bill was then read the third time and passed; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act respecting crimes and punishments was taken up and read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish a public library at the seat of government and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of Jackson, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some amendments to the same to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same; on motion the said bill was then read the third time and on the question shall this bill pass it was carried in the affirmative and the yeas and nays being demanded by messrs. Ferguson and Little, the votes were as follows, yeas 15, nays 9 and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Boone of Harrison, Dumont, Dunn, Floyd, Graham of Clark, Johnson, Lane, Linn, Lindley, Mount, Overman, Powell, Wilson, Zenor and Blackford, speaker, and those who voted in the negative are messrs. Alexander, Brownlee, Carr, Ferguson, Graham of Jackson, Holman, Little, Murdock, and Scott; ordered that the title of said bill be an act to establish a public library at the seat of government; ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the president of the senate has signed the bill entitled an act to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill regulating the duties of justices of the peace to which they desire the concurrence of this house; on motion, the house adjourned till to morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 31, 1816.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee for enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills, and had found the same truly enrolled, to wit: the bill entitled an act for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county; the bill entitled an act respecting the appropriation of certain fines; the bill entitled an act to provide for the running the county line dividing the counties of Clark and Jefferson, and the bill entitled an act for the incorporation of towns.

On motion of mr. Ferguson, resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating an Ohio Canal Company, with leave to report by bill or otherwise, and there upon messrs. Ferguson, Floyd, Wilson and Graham of Clark were appointed that committee.

X Mr. Milroy agreeably to notice introduced a bill on the subject of subscribing stock to the state bank which was read and on motion the rules were dispensed with and the same was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The Bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the duties of justices of the peace, was taken up and read the first time, and on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for this day and, on motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker, resumed the chair and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through the same they desire leave to set again, whereupon leave was given.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, *mr. Speaker, the senate have concurred in the amendments made by this house to the bill from the senate entitled an act to authorize William Hurst guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased to lay out certain monies belonging to said minors in the purchase of land.*

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, *mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act establishing the office of county treasurer with some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.*

A Message from the senate by mr. Pennington, *mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act for the collection of certain debts due the state.*

The house proceeded to consider the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act establishing the office of county treasurer, and on motion the house concurred in the same; ordered, that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill regulating public roads and highways, was taken up and read the third time and passed; ordered, that said bill be entitled an act regulating public roads and highways; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, *mr. Speaker, mr. Prince having resigned his seat as a member of the senate on this day, mr. Beggs is appointed on the committee of enrolled bills in the room of mr. Prince.*

On motion, the house adjourned for one hour.

Tuesday Evening, December 31.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill prescribing the mode of summoning and compensating jurors, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again; and on the question shall the committee of the whole house have leave to sit again on said bill it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Milroy then moved that the said bill be recommitted to a select committee, and that question was also decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Floyd the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the senate entitled an act regulating the duties of justices of the peace, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Carr, reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again : whereupon leave was given.

Messrs. Wilson, Floyd and Lane from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills, *to wit*: the enrolled bill entitled an act adopting the Bank of Vincennes as the State Bank of Indiana; the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the appropriation of fines; the enrolled bill entitled an act for the incorporation of towns in the state of Indiana; the enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent counterfeiting and forgery; the enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act for the partition of land; the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the collection of certain debts due the state; the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the negotiability of certain promissory notes; the enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Maria H. Wardell with her husband Thomas Wardell, and had found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the Speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane agreeable to notice introduced a bill giving certain powers to the circuit and supreme courts; which was read the first time and on motion, the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read the second time, and ordered to be read a third time to morrow

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That the secretary of state, the auditor and treasurer, be and they, or any two of them are required to contract for the printing of six hundred copies of the militia law, passed at this session, to be delivered if practicable before the adjournment of the general assembly, to be transmitted to the different counties, in such proportion and in the manner that shall be directed by the commander in chief, or adjutant general.

Mr. Floyd from the committee on the subject of post-offices and post roads, made report on that subject; which was read and concurred in by the house.

And then the house adjourned till five o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 1, 1817.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act establishing the office of county treasurer and found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act regulating proceedings in suits at law and in chancery, and found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating an Ohio canal company, reported a bill for that purpose; which was read and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for this day.

On motion,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the select committee heretofore appointed to inquire into the right of occupancy of the general assembly to the court house in Corydon, as also to inquire what provisions have been made for a house of accommodation for the Governor; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Murdock reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the same under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again, and on the question shall the committee of the whole house have leave to sit again; it was decided in the negative.

On motion the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making certain specific appropriations, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milroy reported that the committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same; on motion, the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. De Pauw, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act supplementary to the act organizing and regulating the militia, with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this house; on motion, the said amendments were taken up and read and concurred in by the house; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Grass, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act to incorporate a county library in the county of Pike and for other purposes, with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. Paul, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Daniel Woodfell and Anna his wife, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. Polke, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, the President of the senate has signed the following enrolled bills *to wit*: the enrolled bill entitled an act to establish the office of county treasurer; the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating proceedings in suits at law and in chancery; the enrolled bill entitled an act adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of Indiana; the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the collection of certain debts due the state; the enrolled bill entitled an act to provide for the running of the county line, between the counties of Clark and Jefferson; the enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Maria H. Wardell and her husband Thomas Wardell; the enrolled bill entitled an act for the incorporation of towns in the state of Indiana; the enrolled bill entitled an act for the relief of James Vawter

late sheriff of Jefferson country; the enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent forgery and counterfeiting; the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the negociability of certain promissory notes; the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the appropriation of certain fines; the enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act now in force regulating the partition of land; the enrolled bill entitled an act to attach part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey and for other purposes.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house entitled an act providing for the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly with several amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house entitled an act providing for the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

And then the house adjourned for one hour.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 1.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendments made by the senate to the bill entitled an act to incorporate a county library in the county of Pike and for other purposes, were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the duties of justices of the peace and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Alexander reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same; on motion the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill entitled an act providing for the assessing and collecting revenue with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house; which amendments were taken up and read and concurred in by the house except the one in the seventh section of said bill, which was made by inserting after the word provided these words, "and on land not exceeding half the rate," in which amendment the house refused to concur, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined & compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to authorise William Hurst guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to lay out certain monies belonging to said minors in the purchase of land, also the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, and had found the same truly enrolled, whereup-

on the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the president of the senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled an act to regulate descents; also the enrolled bill entitled an act to authorise William Hurst guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to lay out certain monies belonging to said minors in the purchase of land, and also the enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the printing and distributing of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly.

The house according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the senate entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act respecting crimes and punishments, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Powell reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, in which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same, ordered that the said bill be read a third time now, and thereupon the said bill was read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims, was taken up and read, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the said bill was read a second time, and on motion the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, & mr. Mount reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same, on motion the said bill was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act providing for the election of senators and representatives to congress, was taken up read the first time, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the second and third times and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act incorporating a county library in the county of Pike and for other purposes, and found the same truly enrolled; whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill from this house, entitled an act making certain specific appropriations with some amendments to the same, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this house; on motion the said amendments were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling, was taken up and read, and on motion the rules were dispensed with, and the said bill was read the second and third times and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Daniel Woodiell and Anna his wife, was taken up and read

the first time, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the second time.

And then the house adjourned till to morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 2, 1817.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills, to wit: the enrolled bill entitled an act making certain specific appropriations; the enrolled bill entitled an act to add the lots lately laid off by William Henry Harrison to the borough of Vincennes, and the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating elections, and found the same truly enrolled; whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on the president of the senate, and inform him that the house of representatives have gone through their business, and will be ready to adjourn on to-morrow at nine o'clock, A. M. and thereupon Mr. Wilson was appointed that committee.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills and found the same truly enrolled, to wit: the enrolled bill entitled an act incorporating a county library in the county of Pike and for other purposes; the bill authorising William Hurst guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to lay out certain monies belonging to said minors in the purchase of land; the bill entitled an act regulating descents; the bill entitled an act respecting the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly, whereupon the speaker signed the same ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the senate entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Daniel Woodfell and Anna his wife, was taken up and read the third time and passed, and on the question shall the said bill pass, the yeas and nays were demanded by messrs. Little and Lindley, and the votes were as follows: yeas 12, nays 10 and those who voted in the affirmative are messrs. Alexander, Boone of Harrison, Brownlee, Carr, Dumont, Dunn, Graham of Clark, Lane, Milroy, Mount, Powell and Wilson, and those who voted in the negative, are messrs. Ferguson, Holman, Johnson, Lindley, Little, Lynn, Overman, Scott, Zenor and Blackford (speaker.)

A message from the senate by Mr. Beggs, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the joint resolution from this house, respecting the superintending the printing the acts and journals of the general assembly, with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house: whereupon the said amendments were taken up and read and concurred in by the house, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, the senate insist on their amendment made in the bill entitled an act, providing for the assessing and collecting the revenue: whereupon on motion, the house receded from their objection, and concurred in said amendment, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The bill giving certain powers to the circuit courts and supreme court,

was taken up and read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act, supplementary to the act entitled an act organizing and regulating the militia, and found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Beggs, Mr. Speaker, the senate have concurred in all the amendments made by this house to the bill entitled an act to amend the act respecting crimes and punishments.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, the senate have concurred in all the amendments made to the bill, regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace, except those made to the 16th 25th 29th and 33rd sections of said bill and the one made by striking out from the 36th to the 53rd section of said bill inclusive.

The bill providing for subscribing stock to the *State Bank of Indiana*, was taken up and on motion was postponed to the first Monday in December next.

The house proceeded to the consideration of their amendments made to the bill entitled an act, regulating the duties of justices of the peace, and on motion; resolved that the house adhere to their said amendments, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Speaker, the President of the senate has signed the following enrolled bills *to wit*: the bill entitled an act regulating elections; the bill entitled an act to add the lots lately laid off by William Henry Harrison to the borough of Vincennes; the bill entitled an act making specific appropriations; the bill entitled an act supplementary to the act organizing and regulating the militia.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate an Ohio canal company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Murdock reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same; to which they desire the concurrence of the house: whereupon on motion the house concurred in the same, the said bill was then read a third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Pennington, Mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill from this house, entitled an act giving the circuit and supreme court certain powers, with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Coburn, Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the Governor to inform this house, that he did on yesterday approve & sign the following enrolled bills entitled acts *to wit*: an enrolled bill entitled an act regulating proceedings in suits at law & in chancery; an enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent counterfeiting and forgery; an enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the appropriation of certain fines; the enrolled bill entitled an act to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Posey, and for other purposes; an enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Maria H. Wardell with her husband Thomas Wardell; an enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the collection of certain debts due the state; an enrolled bill entitled an act respecting the negociability of certain promissory notes; an enrolled bill entitled an act adopting the bank of Vincennes as the state bank of the

ana. and for other purposes; an enrolled bill entitled an act to establish the office of county Treasurer; and that he did on this day approve and sign an enrolled bill entitled an act authorizing the printing and distribution of the acts and journals of the present session of the general assembly; and an enrolled bill entitled an act incorporating a county library in the county of Pike, and for other purposes; all of which originated in the house of representatives.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the governor did on this day notify the senate by mr. Coburn, that he did on yesterday approve and sign the following enrolled bills, to wit: an enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the incorporation of towns in the state of Indiana; an enrolled bill, entitled an act providing for running the county line between the counties of Clark and Jefferson; an enrolled bill entitled an act to amend the act for the partition of lands; an enrolled bill, entitled an act for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county; and also on this day an enrolled bill, entitled an act authorising William Hurst guardian of the minor heirs of John Morgan deceased, to lay out certain monies belonging to said minors in the purchase of land for said minors; an enrolled bill, entitled an act to regulate descents, all of which originated in the senate.

Mr. Floyd from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had presented the following enrolled bills to the Governor for his approval and signature, to wit: the enrolled bill, entitled an act supplementary to the act organizing and regulating the militia; the enrolled bill, entitled an act making certain specific appropriations and for other purposes; the enrolled bill, entitled an act to add the lots lately laid out by gen. William Henry Harrison, to the Borough of Vincennes, and the enrolled bill, entitled an act regulating elections.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the Governor to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, to wit: an enrolled bill, entitled an act supplementary to the act organizing and regulating the militia; an enrolled bill, entitled an act making certain specific appropriations which originated in the house of representatives.

A message from the senate by mr. Paul, mr. Speaker, the senate have been notified by the Governor, that he did on this day approve and sign the enrolled bill, entitled an act to add the lots lately laid out by general William H. Harrison, to the borough of Vincennes, which originated in the senate.

A message from the senate by mr. Pennington, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that they insist on their disagreement to the amendments made by the house of representatives, to the bill regulating the duties of justices of the peace and ask a committee of conference, and have on their part appointed messrs. Paul and Ferris, that committee.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the bill, entitled an act regulating public roads and highways with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this house; and then the house adjourned for one hour.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of mr. Murdock, resolved, that the senate be requested to meet this house in the representative chamber this evening at four o'clock.

for the purpose of electing three directors to the state bank of Indiana and that Walter Wilson is appointed teller on the part of this house, the election to be conducted in the same manner as the election for senators to congress.

On motion of mr. Lane a committee of conference was appointed on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendments made by this house to the bill, from the senate entitled an act regulating the duties of justices of the peace and messrs. Floyd and Lane were appointed that committee; ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill, entitled an act appointing a committee of revision, to which they desire the concurrence of this house; whereupon, on motion, the said bill was taken up and read, and on motion the rules of the house were dispensed with and the same was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for this day and thereupon the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill and after some time spent therein mr. Speaker resumed the chair and mr. Little reported that the committee of the whole had according to order had the said bill under consideration and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause and in which amendment they desire the concurrence of the house, whereupon, on motion, the house concurred in the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house that the senate will meet the house of representatives this evening at four o'clock, in the representative chamber for the purpose of electing three directors to the state bank, and have appointed mr. De Pauw teller on their part.

A message from the senate by mr. De Pauw, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed the joint resolution from this house respecting the printing of the militia law.

A message from the senate by mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the senate have passed a bill authorizing the county commissioners to appoint certain officers not otherwise provided for, to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

On motion,

Ordered, That the senate be informed that the house of representatives are now ready to meet them in the representative chamber for the purpose of electing three directors to the state bank of Indiana. Whereupon the senate came in and took their seats in the representatives chamber, and both houses proceeded by joint ballot to the election of said directors, which being finished, upon examining the ballots, it was found that Andrew P. Hay, Stephen Ludlow, and Davis Floyd were duly elected directors to the state bank of Indiana: whereupon the president of the senate in presence of both houses of the general assembly, proclaimed the said Andrew P. Hay, Stephen Ludlow and Davis Floyd duly elected directors of the state bank of Indiana. And then the senate returned to their chamber. And on motion the house of representatives adjourned for one hour.

Thursday evening, January 2.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill entitled an act to prevent certain immoral practices, and found

the same truly enrolled, whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments made by the senate to the bill from this house, entitled an act regulating the opening of public roads and highways, and on motion the house concurred in the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A communication from messrs Cox & Nelson was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from messrs. Butler & Hughes which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the resolution on the subject of post offices and post roads, and after some time spent therein, mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and mr. Graham of Clark reported that the said committee had according to order had the said resolution under consideration, and had made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the house; whereupon on motion, the house concurred in the same, and on motion the said resolution was then read the third time and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses, on the amendments made by this house to bill from the senate, entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace, reported that the committee of conference, had according to order had the same under consideration, and had agreed that this house should recede from their said amendments to said bill; in which report the house concurred, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

On motion,

The rules of the house were dispensed with, and the bill from the senate entitled an act authorizing the county commissioners to appoint certain officers, who are not otherwise provided for; was taken up and read the first second and third times and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments made by the senate to the bill which originated in this house, entitled an act giving certain powers to the supreme and circuit courts and on motion the house concurred in the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed bills, and found the same truly enrolled *to wit*: the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims; the enrolled bill entitled an act supplementary to the act entitled an act respecting crimes and punishments; the enrolled bill entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling; the enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the bands of matrimony between Daniel Woodfell and Ann his wife; and the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the election of senators and representatives from this state to the Congress of the United States; and the joint resolution respecting the printing of the act regulating the militia whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Lane from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act giving certain powers to the supreme and circuit

courts; and also the bill entitled an act to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville, and had found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the Speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris. Mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the President of the senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling; the enrolled bill entitled an act to provide for the election of senators and representatives to Congress; the enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the bands of matrimony between Daniel Woodfell and Ann his wife; the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims; the enrolled bill entitled an act supplementary to the act respecting crimes and punishments; the enrolled bill entitled an act giving certain powers to the supreme and circuit courts; and also the enrolled bill entitled an act to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had examined and compared the enrolled bill with the engrossed bill, entitled an act providing for the assessing and collecting revenue; and the joint resolution respecting public printing, and found the same truly enrolled; as also the enrolled bill from the senate entitled an act authorizing the county commissioners to appoint certain officers not otherwise provided for, and had found the same truly enrolled: Whereupon the Speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

And then the house adjourned till to morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, Jan 3, 1817.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature the following enrolled bills, to wit: a joint resolution providing for the immediate printing of the act supplementary to the act regulating the militia; the enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent certain immoral practices; the enrolled bill, entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims, the enrolled bill, entitled an act supplementary to the act respecting crimes and punishments; the enrolled bill, entitled an act providing for the election of Senators and representatives to congress; the enrolled bill entitled an act to prevent duelling; the enrolled bill entitled an act to dissolve the bands of matrimony between Daniel Woodfell and Anna his wife; a resolution respecting the public printing; the enrolled bill entitled an act giving certain powers to the supreme and circuit courts and for other purposes; the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the assessing and collecting revenue; the enrolled bill entitled an act to authorise the county commissioners to appoint certain officers who are not otherwise provided for; the enrolled bill entitled an act to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville.

A message from the senate by Mr. Conner. Mr. Speaker, the governor has informed the senate by Mr. Coburn, that he did on this day approve and sign the following acts, to wit: the act to prevent certain immoral practices; an act to authorise the county commissioners to appoint certain officers not otherwise provided for by law; an act providing for the payment of certain claims; an act supplementary the act respecting crimes and punishments; an act to provide for the election of senators and re-

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presentatives to congress ; an act to prevent duelling ; an act to dissolve the bands of matrimony between Daniel Woodfell and Anna his wife ; an act to regulate elections.

Mr. Milroy introduced a resolution on the subject of the donation given by the citizens of Harrison county to the state of Indiana which was read & the rules of the house being dispensed with, the same was read the second and third times and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Milroy introduced a joint resolution on the subject of the furniture of the state house, which was read the first time, and the rules of the house were dispensed with, and the same was read the second and third times and passed, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined & compared the following bills with the enrolled bills, and had found the same truly enrolled, to wit: the bill to incorporate the Ohio canal company; the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and the enrolled bill entitled an act for the opening and keeping in repair public roads and highways. whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by Mr. Ferris, mr. Speaker, the president of the senate has signed the bill entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace; the enrolled bill entitled an act for the opening and keeping in repair of public roads and highways, and also the enrolled bill entitled an act incorporating an Ohio canal company.

Mr. Ferguson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature, the following enrolled bills to wit: the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and the enrolled bill entitled an act incorporating an Ohio canal company, also the enrolled bill entitled an act for the opening of public roads and highways.

A message from the Governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the Governor to announce to this house, that he did on this day approve and sign the following enrolled bills entitled acts to wit: the bill entitled an act providing for the assessing and collecting revenue; the enrolled bill entitled an act giving certain powers to the supreme and circuit courts; the enrolled bill entitled an act to change the plan of the town of Jeffersonville; the enrolled bill entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace; the enrolled bill entitled an act providing for the opening public roads and highways, and the bill incorporating the Ohio canal company.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of enrolled bills reported that the said committee had examined the enrolled resolution providing for the collection of certain monies due from the citizens of Harrison county to the state, and found the same truly enrolled: whereupon the speaker signed the same, ordered that the senate be informed thereof.

A message from the senate by mr. Beggs, mr. Speaker the President of the senate has signed the joint resolution providing for the collection of certain monies due the state, from the citizens of Harrison county.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of enrolled bills, reported that the said committee had presented to the Governor for his approval and signature, the joint resolution providing for the collection of certain monies due the state from the citizens of Harrison county.

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A message from the governor by mr. Coburn, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the governor to inform this house that he did on this day approve and sign the joint resolution, providing for the collection of certain monies due the state, from the citizens of Harrison county.

On motion,

Resolved, That the senate be informed that the house of representatives have gone through their business, and are now ready to adjourn.

A message from the senate by mr. Polke, mr. Speaker, I am directed by the senate to inform this house, that the senate have gone through their business and are now ready to adjourn.

On motion,

The house adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN F. ROSS, C. H. R.

THE END.

